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DAPSI PROJECT LAUNCH**

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DATA PORTABILITY AND SERVICES INCUBATOR (DAPSI) LAUNCHED TO EMPOWER INTERNET RESEARCHERS AND INNOVATORS IN THE DATA PORTABILITY FIELD.

Under the European Commission's Next Generation Initiative, the Data Portability and Services Incubator is launched with the purpose of developing disruptive technologies and solutions, to make significantly easier for citizens to have any data which is stored with one service provider transmitted directly to another provider, addressing the challenge of personal data portability on the internet as foreseen under the GDPR.

For the next 3 years DAPSI will support up to 50 teams of researchers and innovators through a 10 months incubation programme, where experts in diverse fields will provide a successful working methodology, access to top infrastructure, training in business and data related topics, coaching, mentoring, visibility, community building and investment. On top of that, each DAPSI team will receive up to 150k€ equity-free funding, distributing a total amount of 5.6M€ through three open calls.

The project is operated by 6 experienced partners that will involve the selected teams in a vibrant open ecosystem: **Zabala Innovation Consulting** (Spain), **F6S** (Ireland), **Cap Digital** (France), **IMT Starter** (France), **Fraunhofer IAS** (Germany), and **Engineering** (Italy).

ABOUT NGI

The Next Generation Internet (NGI) initiative, launched by the European Commission in the autumn of 2016, aims to shape the future internet as an interoperable platform ecosystem that embodies the values that Europe holds dear: openness, inclusivity, transparency, privacy, cooperation, and protection of data.

The NGI will drive this technological revolution and ensure the progressive adoption of advanced concepts and methodologies spanning the domains of artificial intelligence, Internet of Things, interactive technologies and more, while contributing to making the future internet more human-centric.

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