

For immediate release

12 May 2021, The Hague

## Celebrating the CLAIRE Community: The CLAIRE Office Launch Roadshow – Co-creative collaboration for responsible AI in Europe

On its mission to ensure the success of "AI made in Europe", CLAIRE is celebrating its reach across Europe by launching four new offices in Zurich, Oslo, Paris and Brussels in an Office Launch Roadshow beginning on 26 May to strengthen the CLAIRE vision of inclusive and co-creative collaboration for responsible AI research and innovation across Europe. These new offices complement the four existing CLAIRE offices in The Hague, Prague, Rome and Saarbrücken.

The Office Launch Roadshow will be held in a series of virtual events starting on 26 May at the new <u>Swiss CLAIRE Office</u> in Zürich. The series continues with the <u>Norwegian CLAIRE Office</u>, on 03 June in Oslo, followed by the <u>French CLAIRE Office</u> in Paris, on 17 June, and culminates in the launch of the <u>Belgian CLAIRE Office</u> in Brussels, on 25 June.

CLAIRE is an international non-profit association – a network of experts and stakeholders in AI - committed to building bridges between research, industry, policy makers and the general public, in order to ensure the success of "AI made in Europe", based on an inclusive and holistic approach, and on values shared across Europe and beyond. Each CLAIRE Office has its own focus in supporting work on current topics around European and human-centred AI research, AI for good and AI for all. The Belgian office, for example, focuses on European AI policy, whereas the Swiss office concentrates on AI for Good and collaboration NGOs committed to that goal. The Norwegian office works on AI-related topics around startups, and the French office has a focus on Private-Public-Partnerships (PPPs).

For each event, the offices will invite national and international speakers, including government representatives and panellists from various areas of AI, to talk about topics related to the designated focus area of the respective office and its contribution to the <u>CLAIRE vision</u>, the European AI community and the national interests of the country hosting the office. After the scheduled programme, participants of the event have the chance to meet in virtual booths to connect and exchange their thoughts and questions on artificial intelligence made in Europe and foster new collaborations. The launch of the offices also reflects CLAIRE's ambition to enable and further advance the vision of an inclusive European ecosystem focussed on human-centred, trustworthy AI. The offices in Oslo and Zurich also reflect CLAIRE's commitment to building a broad European AI ecosystem, including non-EU countries and global partnerships beyond the European continent.

Further information about the offices' focus areas, panellists and the programmes for the official openings will be provided at <u>https://claire-ai.org/offices-roadshow/</u>. For additional information and press inquiries, please contact <u>press@claire-ai.org</u>.

## **CLARE** Confederation of Laboratories for Artificial Intelligence Research in Europe

## **Boilerplate CLAIRE**

The Confederation of Laboratories for Artificial Intelligence Research in Europe (CLAIRE) (https://claire-ai.org) is an organisation created by the European AI community that seeks to strengthen European excellence in AI research and innovation, with a strong focus on human-centred AI. CLAIRE aims to ensure that societies and citizens across all of Europe, and beyond, benefit from AI as a major driver of innovation, future growth and competitiveness, and to achieve world-wide brand recognition for "AI made in Europe".

CLAIRE, founded in 2018, has garnered the support of more than 3700 AI experts and stakeholders, who jointly represent the vast majority of Europe's AI community, spanning academia and industry, research and innovation. Among them are more than 140 fellows from various key scientific associations.

CLAIRE's membership network consists of over 390 research groups and institutions, covering jointly more than 22,000 employees in 36 countries. Furthermore, CLAIRE is currently in the process of setting up an Innovation Network that, together with the established Research Network, will foster a strong link between research and industry.

The CLAIRE vision is officially supported by the governments of nine European countries, 28 scientific associations across all of Europe, the European Association for Artificial Intelligence (EurAI), the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), and the European Space Agency (ESA).

CLAIRE is also actively liaising with other important AI-organisations, including ELLIS, the HumanE AI consortium, the Big Data Value Association, euRobotics and AI4EU.

## **Contact:**

Prof. Dr. Holger Hoos (CLAIRE leadership), Professor of Machine Learning, Universiteit Leiden, The Netherlands Tel. +31 71 527 5777 E-Mail: <u>hh@liacs.nl</u>

Alexa Kodde, MSc, Project Coordinator CLAIRE , Tel. +31 72 527 4799 E-Mail: <u>contact@claire-ai.org</u>



Images:

