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## **CLAIRE receives German AI Award 2021**



*Holger Hoos and Nuria Oliver receive the Innovation Award, on behalf of CLAIRE and ELLIS, in Berlin on 30 September @ Christian Hahn*

**The Confederation of Laboratories for AI Research in Europe (CLAIRE), is delighted to receive the Innovation Award for groundbreaking achievements in the research and development of AI, together with the European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems (ELLIS).**

*-- We are delighted to see our vision and work for European excellence in AI recognised so prominently, and to share this important award with our colleagues in ELLIS, many of whom are also affiliated with CLAIRE, says Prof. Holger Hoos from Leiden University (The Netherlands), one of the co-founders and chair of the board of directors of CLAIRE.*

*-- We strongly believe that more cooperation and joint projects between CLAIRE and ELLIS as organisations would be extremely beneficial for the German and European AI landscape, adds Prof. Philipp Slusallek from DFKI (Germany), Director of Strategy and co-founder of CLAIRE. -- Not only are we stronger together, but we are deeply convinced that Germany and Europe can only survive global competition in AI and its many applications through a joint, well-orchestrated effort by the large and diverse AI ecosystem.*

Prof. Hoos attended the award ceremony in Berlin on 30 September 2021, accepting the award on behalf of CLAIRE.

## About the Award

The [German AI Award](#) ("Deutscher KI-Preis"), awarded by [WELT](#), one of Germany's most widely read daily newspapers, is the one the largest awards of its kind in Europe and is made up of three categories: The "Innovationspreis" (Innovation Award), endowed with 100,000 euros, rewards groundbreaking achievements in the research and development of AI and is aimed at research institutes, foundations and the like; this is the award given CLAIRE and ELLIS. The non-endowed "Anwenderpreis" (User Award) honors companies and entrepreneurs for outstanding achievements in the practical application of AI. Start-ups with a place of business in the Berlin-Brandenburg capital region whose business model is based on an exemplary and innovative use of AI and which are not older than five years at the time of the award ceremony can apply for the "KI-Start-up-Preis" (AI Start-Up Prize). Berlin Partner for Business and Technology supports the prize, which is endowed with EUR 10,000.

*-- Artificial intelligence is one of the most powerful technologies of the 21st century. It will fundamentally and permanently change all areas of the economy and social interaction, says Klaus Boldt, member of the editorial board of the WELT Group and patron of the event -- With the 'German AI Award', the most important and most highly endowed AI award in Europe, WELT wants to make a contribution to strengthening Germany and Europe as a technology location."*

## About 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 420 research groups and institutions, covering jointly more than 24,000 employees in 37 countries. Furthermore, CLAIRE has recently set 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.

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