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AI Standardisation: CLAIRE and StandICT.eu work together to ensure top quality AI experts involved in setting AI Standards

CLAIRE and StandICT.eu recognise their shared interest to support each other's activities and to develop and promote research and innovation at the intersection of AI and standards.

The current rapid increase in the application of AI to a variety of fields raises questions regarding the reliability, trustworthiness and accountability of AI research and the AI-powered tools we have grown to rely on.

CLAIRE and StandICT.eu 2023 will work together to establish joint activities and to develop a comprehensive understanding of the overlap of each other's areas of research and application, through the creation of a better mutual recognition and appreciation of the interaction between AI and standards, by fostering collaboration within the communities, maximising knowledge transfer and minimising the duplication of efforts. Specifically, CLAIRE can help activate and provide StandICT.eu with access to most of the AI researchers and labs in Europe.

First joint activities are already planned and include:

- Keeping each other up to date with insights on appropriate and pertinent gaps, recommendations and priorities to be included in the future StandICT.eu 2023's Open Calls and CLAIRE activities,
- Providing mutual visibility on relevant outreach activities,
- The promotion of relevant calls and initiatives to each others communities, memberships and supporters,
- Joint events of mutual interest,
- Participation of the parties' experts in each other's activities to promote and support standardisation around AI.

-- StandICT.eu and the EU Observatory for ICT Standards are delighted to announce this collaboration with CLAIRE. This is a valuable alliance to help us achieve our joint goals of supporting the European Commission's European AI strategy and continuing to provide EC Consultation around priority areas of AI research, Standardisation and Innovation", adds Ray Walshe, Director of the EU Observatory for ICT Standards.

About CLAIRE

CLAIRE (Confederation of Laboratories for Artificial Intelligence Research in Europe, 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 establish a world-wide brand recognition for "AI made in Europe" (at the level of CERN), and to position Europe in control of its own future.

CLAIRE was launched in June 2018 and now has the support of more than 3,900 people, most of them scientists, technologists, and researchers in Artificial Intelligence. The supporters represent the vast majority of Europe's AI community, spanning academia and industry, research and innovation. Among the supporters are more than 140 fellows from various key scientific associations. CLAIRE has opened administrative offices in The Hague, Saarbrücken, Prague, Rome, Brussels, Oslo, Paris and Zürich. Furthermore, nine advisory groups with 48 members from 18 countries have been established, covering all areas of AI, along with the topics of ethical, legal and social implications of AI.

CLAIRE's membership network consists of over 430 research groups and research institutions, covering jointly more than 24,000 employees in 37 countries. In addition, CLAIRE is in the process of setting up an industry network, in order to foster close links between non-profit research and impactful industrial applications.

The CLAIRE vision for excellence in European AI has received official letters of support from the governments of nine European countries, from over 30 scientific associations across all of Europe, from the European Association for Artificial Intelligence (EurAI, which is the key European association for AI researchers), from the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI, the key international association for AI), and from the European Space Agency (ESA).

CLAIRE is also actively liaising, on an ongoing basis, with other important organisations, including ELLIS, the HumanE AI consortium, the Big Data Value Association, euRobotics and AI4EU, and cooperates closely with ESA.

About StandICT.eu

StandICT.eu (Supporting European Experts Presence in International Standardisation Activities in ICT, standict.eu), addresses the need for ICT Standardisation and defines a pragmatic approach and streamlined process to reinforce EU expert presence in the international ICT standardisation scene. Through a European Observatory for ICT Standards (EUOS), StandICT.eu analyses and monitors the international ICT standards landscape and liaises with Standards Development Organisations (SDOs) and Standard Setting Organisations (SSOs), key organisations such as the EU Multistakeholder Platform for ICT Standardisation, as well as industry-led groups, to pinpoint gaps and priorities matching EU DSM objectives.

These will become the topics for a series of Open calls focused on priority domains and a continuous cascading grants process, launched by StandICT.eu, providing support for European specialists to contribute to ongoing standards development activities, and attend SDO & SSO meetings. Through the analysing and monitoring process of activities in the EU and globally, over its work plan, StandICT.eu will provide a Go-To-Platform for the Open Call applications and evaluation, support prioritisation of standardisation activities and build a community of Standardisation experts to support knowledge exchange and collaboration and reinforce

European presence in the international ICT standardisation scene through 3 structured steps: 1) Monitoring and gathering information on the on-going work from the relevant international and global SDOs; 2) Setting up, managing and facilitating an open call designed to support the participation and contribution of EU specialists in key SDOs; 3) Creating positive impact on business and research opportunities from ICT standardisation.

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