EAI | European Alliance for Innovation

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THIS FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OUTLINE ESTABLISHES THE INTEREST
BY THE PARTICIPANTS
TO BRING FORWARD AN INITIATIVE
TERMED THE EUROPEAN ALLIANCE FOR INNOVATION
ALONG THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES

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MISSION

This initiative aims to lay the foundation for developing a European Alliance for Innovation, consisting of a partnership of key actors, including European scientific societies, academic and education institutions, standardization and certification bodies, companies and industry groups, public bodies, as well as venture capital and funding organizations. The principal mission is to address the issue of the fragmentation of R&D efforts, resulting in a multitude of agendas and voices representing ICT innovation, but with no single critical mass. The Alliance, through a broad spectrum of collaboration between the key ICT organizations in Europe will, based on a grassroots network approach, strengthen the innovation power and competitiveness of the European ICT industry.

OBJECTIVES

- The Alliance serves to strengthen the individual activities of its member institutions by offering a unified platform and specific services and tools that create a synergistic impact among the member activities in the diverse fields of European innovation.

- The Alliance will have a common representative governance that rules out internal competition.

- The participating organizations share common values in their approach to promote research and its translation into innovation activities

- The Alliance will encourage collaboration at the grassroots level by applying a common reward mechanism, and generate a bottom up movement.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Alliance for Innovation and *partnering organizations* intend achieving results in the following specific activities:

- To complement Commission and national initiatives through a grassroots participation of its members;
- Bringing together industry and researchers leading to technology transfer;
- Increasing the prestige and recognition of European research;
- Make Europe a leader in the post-ICT era;
- Promoting the prestige of European research;
- Increasing the influence of the European ICT sector;
- Promoting the research results by providing innovative tools for dissemination, collaboration and resource sharing;
- Improving productivity, economic growth and competitiveness, by supporting drive for innovation;
- Integrating and retaining European intellectual property rights in the European innovation cycle;
- Contributing to a Lifelong Learning process and assuring better accessibility to digital content for all;
- Providing strategic input to the setting of European ICT policies

RESPONSIBILITIES

The organizations conclude this Framework by alllowing members to participate through:

- Support to the objectives and the mission of the initiative
- Participate in the set-up a legal entity of the Alliance for Innovation
- Delegating ICST Society to host the secretariat and provide the services for the implementation of the initiative
- Setting up of a Governance model including a Steering Committee and Executive body for the coordination of activities between members
- Allowed to work under a common logo of the Alliance in Alliance related activities