

# FIWARE and joint long-term sustainability with EGI

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FIWARE is an open initiative, co-funded by the European Commission, creating an ecosystem to grasp the opportunities emerging with the new wave of digitalisation caused by the integration of recent Internet technologies. FIWARE is built on a number of pillars comprising a platform with simple APIs, sandbox environment, operations tool and infrastructure, as well as funding mechanisms to accelerate applications, products and services to market.

To ensure long-term sustainability, FIWARE is proposing a Foundation for creating an open source community to support European SMEs and Web Entrepreneurs. The main sector of exploitation of FIWARE solutions is the Smart City area where 40 large Cities in Europe have already subscribed a specific MoU to use FIWARE solutions. In addition, according to H2020 LEIT Workplan for the period 2016 - 2017, SmartCities are the most promising field trials for FIWARE services.

Many opportunities are arising for collaborations with the EGI community as an existing ecosystem of resource, technology, and data providers coupled with extensive expertise throughout a number of research domains.

These opportunities plan to be explored through a joint analysis of the common elements, both technical (e.g. EGI Federated Cloud) and non-technical (e.g. business models, SME support, competence centers) to define possible synergies.

The main question will be: How future “joint offers” between FIWARE and EGI can ensure long-term sustainability supporting innovation inside and outside H2020?

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