Press release: IoT-European Platforms Initiative offers special events, mentorship and funding for startups at IoT Week Geneva

Geneva, June 6th 2017 - International IoT experts from the with 50 Mio EU-funded IoT-Europeans Platforms Initiative (IoT-EPI) will present their support programs for startups and SME at IoT Week Geneva 2017 from June 6th to 9th. IoT-EPI promotes European knowledge exchange through seven innovation projects and invests up to 5.5 Mio Euro in approx. 100 Startups and IoT projects in 12 open calls till the end of 2018. Currently, in two open calls by the partners Big IoT and bloTope, Startups can apply for 720,000 Euro in total. In Geneva IoT-EPI hosts several workshops, engages with startups at a special meetup at Impact Hub and mentors young developers at the IoT Week Hackathon.

By the year 2020 there will be more than 20 Mio connected devices such as: automotive systems, smart TVs or real time location sensors for healthcare. The IoT-European Platforms Initiative (IoT-EPI) was formed to build a vibrant and sustainable IoT-ecosystem in Europe. Seven innovation projects make their technology accessible and introduce funding possibilities to young entrepreneurs.

Open Calls bloTope and BIG IoT with funding of 720,000 Euro

SMEs, Startups or individuals who are interested in implementing developed technologies in their own context, have the option, to submit their proposals in open calls. Currently, two IoT research projects BIG IoT (total of 300,000€) and bloTope (total of 420,000€) offer funding. The calls are mainly focusing on interoperability in different Smart Cities. Industries of interest are Energy Efficiency, Electric Cars, Traffic, Mobility and more. BIG IoT will accept applications until the 16th of June 2017. The deadline for the bloTope call is the 22nd of August 2017.

IoT-EPI at IoT Week Geneva: Learn about Open Calls and Upcoming Activities

The IoT-EPI project display their ideas at IoT week Geneva. Experts from all over Europe (e.g. Fraunhofer, Siemens, Bosch, Atos) will be present at the IoT-EPI booth (Nr.16), to share their insights about innovative platform technologies.

- **Free Meetup for startups at Impact Hub Geneva:** IoT-EPI invites interested entrepreneurs to a free networking event on June 6th at 6:30 pm to the co-working space Impact Hub. The event “Let’s talk IoT platforms!” introduces IoT platforms and funding possibilities with up to 150,000 € for each project.
- **Knowledge Transfer - Workshop with IoT experts:** The IoT-EPI experts are hosting a workshop on June 8th (2:00-03:45pm, Room 17). Speakers like Sergios Soursos (Intracom Telecom), Arne Broering (Siemens), Ullrich Ahle (FIWARE Foundation) and Srdjan Krco (DunavNET) will explain the benefits of being part of the EU ecosystem.
- **Hackathon:** IoT-EPI will also be offering mentorship and API’s at the hackathon at IoT week Geneva (6th - 9th of June). Rob van Kranenburg and Iker Larizgoita (TagItSmart!) are supporting developers with their expertise.
About IoT-EPI
IoT-EPI is a European Initiative addressing the EU-funded H2020 programs about IoT platform development. At the core of IoT-EPI are the seven research and innovation projects: Inter-IoT, BIGIoT, AGiLE, symbIoTe, TagItSmart!, VICINITY and bIoTope. IoT-EPI has a total funding of 50M € and a partner network of 120 established companies. The research projects develop innovative platform technologies and foster technology adoption thorough community and business building.

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