Role of Industry Associations as Private members in KDT

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Welcome to KDT

- Key Digital Technologies is a **partnership under Horizon Europe** (2021-2027), implemented as a Joint Undertaking

- **Tri-partite** public-private partnership between European Commission and Participating States as public members and three Industry Associations as private members

- **RD&I** programme, industry-driven

- **Yearly Calls**, based on ECS Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda and including Focus Topics

- Selected projects receive funding from EC and Participating States

- RD&I actors (**large companies, SMEs, RTOs, universities**) perform the **RD&I** activities in the funded projects

- RD&I actors also participate in the **strategic orientations** of the programme via the industry associations representing them

Welcome to the KDT partnership: the KDT Joint Undertaking (JU)

KDT JU
Key Digital Technologies Joint Undertaking

HE Rules +

Council Regulation on JUs under HE (Single Basic Act)

& Financial Regulation

Represented at the KDT Governing Board

Aeneas

EPoSS.
European Association on Smart Systems Integration

Inside Industry Association

Industry associations (Private Members)

KDT Participating States (PS)

European Commission

European Commission (EC)

Governance of the KDT JU

- The **Private Members Board**, with the 3 Industry Associations representing their members RD&I actors and proposing the SRIA

- The **Public Authorities Board**, i.e., the EC and the Participating States, which contributes to drafting the SRIA, gives input to the WP, approves the launch of Calls and selects proposals for funding

- The **Governing Board** making important decisions for KDT
  - ✓ It decides on all important topics (Strategy, budgets, Work Programme, contents of the Calls, Focus Topics, etc).
  - ✓ Its tasks include adopting the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda proposed by the Private Members
  - ✓ Decisions are taken preferably by consensus. Industry Associations have 1/3 of the voting rights, EC 1/3 and PS 1/3
  - ✓ It guides the KDT JU Office operating the Programme

- The **KDT JU Office** managed by the **Executive Director**, based in Brussels, responsible for the day-to-day management in accordance with the decisions of the Governing Board
  - ✓ The KDU JU Office is co-financed by the EC (50%) and the Industry associations (50%)

Commitments of Industry Associations in KDT JU

- **Members of the Industry Associations** have 2 major obligations:

  1. To **deliver IKOP** (In-Kind Contribution = RD&I costs minus funding) > **2.5B€**

  2. To contribute to the **financing of the KDT JU Office** via the Industry Associations up to **26 M€**

- This can be done via the membership of any of the 3 Industry Associations

- Industry Associations are not-for-profit

- **Members of the Industry Associations** pay a contribution which allows the Industry Associations to fulfill their financial commitment of up to 26 M€ to the KDT JU

Services provided by Industry Associations (1/2)

Shape

- Industry Associations **shaped KDT JU** with the EC, the EP, and the Council (Member States), and are now involved in preparing the **Chips JU**

Strategy & Advocacy

- Industry Associations represent the interest of their members in the KDT Governing Board and advocate for the contents and funding conditions in the Calls

SRIA

- Industry Associations generate the **ECS SRIA** which is the basis of the **KDT Work Programme** and Calls

Focus Topics

- Industry Associations propose **Focus Topics** and discuss Focus Topics proposed by the EC and PS to best fit the needs of industry

Services provided by Industry Associations (2/2)

Stakeholder Forum
- Industry Associations organise a **yearly stakeholders forum** (cf. EFECS) facilitating networking, consortia building, and allowing to get feedback on the ECS SRIA

Brokerage
- Industry Associations organize one or more **Brokerage events** per year to stimulate project proposals

Workshops
- Industry Associations organise **workshops** on specific topics

Model PCA
- Industry Associations provide a **model PCA** (Project Consortium Agreement) on their websites

Thank you

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https://www.smart-systems-integration.org/
https://www.inside-association.eu/