

STEERING BRIEF

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Context of the event

- The Future Internet Public-Private Partnership (FI-PPP) has developed FIWARE, a service platform and a set of technology building blocks that eases application development.
- FIWARE is a well advanced example of the industrial trend towards Open Service Platforms and the data economy, well in-line with the DSM objectives.
- FIWARE is a leading example of turning R&D into real products and services. The FIWARE core industry group – ATOS, Engineering, Orange, and Telefonica – coordinates FIWARE's market entry.
- The FIWARE mission is to build an open sustainable ecosystem around public, royalty-free and implementation-driven software platform standards that will ease the development of new Smart Applications in multiple sectors.
- The FIWARE Foundation is a legal independent body whose main purpose is to provide shared resources to help achieving the FIWARE Mission by empowering, promoting, augmenting, protecting, and validating the FIWARE technologies and support the whole Community around them.
- The FIWARE Foundation is considered as a very important milestone for FIWARE's credibility and sustainability in a world-wide market.
- The FI-PPP will end this year. There are a fast growing number of success stories. However, the current focus is on ensuring FIWARE's long-term sustainability.

Objectives of the event

The FIWARE Core Industry Group (Atos, Engineering, Orange, and Telefonica) are having conversations with other companies and end users about joining the FIWARE initiative and supporting the Foundation.

The FIWARE Founders Event aims to confirm the incorporation of organisations other than the Core Industry Group and to act as a platform for discussions and collaboration with industry.

Suggested Line to Take

- The partnership between Industry and the Commission has allowed the creation of FIWARE.
- The FIWARE ecosystem (several thousand people from developers, startups, users, industry and cities) represents a very successful end result of the FI-PPP. The FI-PPP formally ends this year. It is the role of industry to ensure a successful transition of FIWARE and the ecosystem into the market.
- The market success of FIWARE is not yet established. Today we are at the beginning of a new phase, in which industry needs to lead a successful FIWARE take-up across multiple sectors world-wide.
- The FIWARE Foundation has a key supporting role in the take-up process. It needs to ensure the long-term availability and promotion of FIWARE, and hence to quickly build the credibility that it can do so. For that, the current group of 4 companies must be enlarged with other companies supporting FIWARE.
- After a year of preparatory work, too little has happened in enlarging the industry group behind FIWARE. The Commission strongly encourages the 4 core industry group members to make all efforts to establish a solid and wide-ranging FIWARE industry coalition.
- Another essential aspect for the FIWARE Foundation is the FIWARE open source community. The emergence of a large and active FIWARE open source community must be accelerated.
- The Commission is committed to support FIWARE during the initial period beyond the FI-PPP – through the H2020 ICT Work Programme 2016-17 – allowing a “soft landing” for the FIWARE community.
- Commission Oettinger has been very vocal on the support for FIWARE. Most recently in his speech at NET FUTURES ([full text](#)). Your speaking points are fully in line with the view of the Commissioner.

Outcomes/results

- The FIWARE Foundation is positioned as a credible organisation to maintain FIWARE. It is here to stay.
- The Commission is positioned as a credible supporter of the goals of the Foundation.