

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between one6G Association and Alliance for IoT and Edge Computing Innovation (AIOTI)

By and between

Alliance for IoT and Edge Computing Innovation IVZW, ("AIOTI"), an international not-for-profit association under Belgian law, having its registered office at 65 Avenue Louise, B-1050 Brussels, Belgium, herein represented by its **Management Board Chair Jürgen Sturm**, on one hand

and

National & Kapodistrian University of Athens, Department of Informatics & Telecommunications, Panepistimiopolis, 15784, Office A31 Athens, GREECE, represented by its **Board Chairwoman, Assoc. Prof. Nancy Alonistioti** on behalf of the members of the one6G Association ("one6G"), an international non-registered and non-profit association, on the other hand

AIOTI and one6G are hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Parties".

PREAMBLE

Whereas,

- [one6G](#) aims to evolve, test and promote next generation cellular and wireless technology-based communications solutions. By supporting global 6G research and standardization efforts, the goal is to accelerate its adoption and overall market penetration, while addressing societal and industry-driven needs for enhanced connected mobility. This with the ambition to speed up the development of new services and applications in domains such as advanced autonomous driving, advanced manufacturing, advanced wireless e-health, remote education etc.
- one6G objectives are to:
 - Address 6G connectivity, computation, energy consumption and communication challenges, including wireless and cellular access networks, security, trust, functional safety, privacy, authentication, distribution cloud architecture, technology associations, radio technologies, protocols and data format principles.
 - Elaborate technology selection and roadmap evolution strategy including spectrum allocation requirements.
 - Run joint innovation and development activities leading to integration, validation, verification and trials.
 - Define and harmonize use cases, business plans and go-to-market ideas.
 - Identify regulatory aspects and contribute to policies evolution.
- The main aim of [AIOTI](#) is to foster the deployment and market uptake of the "Internet of Things (IoT)" by developing strong, collaborative, cross-sector European ecosystems. The main objectives are to:
 - contribute to and support the strategic development of European research and innovation programmes
 - gather actionable insights on market obstacles and opportunities for IoT deployment within the context of the Digital Single Market
 - organise and facilitate match making events with all relevant stakeholders
 - map EU and Members States IoT and Edge Computing innovation and standardisation activities and provide bridges to international initiatives
 - provide advice and expert input to the European Commission and EU member states in connection with all structural and regulatory matters important for the creation and maintenance of a favourable environment for IoT and Edge Computing in Europe
- AIOTI and one6G share certain common goals, as well as partners that are members of both organisations.

Now, therefore, the Parties declare their willingness on the following for their mutual collaboration (hereinafter the "Collaboration").

OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF THE COLLABORATION

This MoU expresses the intention for cooperation between AIOTI and the one6G on research, knowledge development and dissemination, and network activities in the following topics:

- Edge Computing and Computing Continuum
- Data Spaces
- Vertical industries related topics
- Digital twin and AI

The Parties agree to engage in tangible collaboration activities by:

- identifying use cases that can be seen as common for AIOTI and one6G,
- defining requirements for standardisation,
- promoting the common work in timely events relevant for 6G/IoT/edge computing

To promote these objectives, the Parties hereby declare their intention to cooperate, including cooperation through the one6G and AIOTI Partners. Such cooperation, if and when agreed, will be detailed in separate work plans, which shall be the subject to specific agreements between the parties involved, including one6G members or AIOTI Partners ("Third Parties"). In such specific agreements, the parties concerned will typically agree on aspects such as resources, security, confidentiality, intellectual property rights, liability, and any other aspects they deem to be appropriate.

GENERAL

Notwithstanding any other provision in the present MoU, the signature of this MoU can in no way be construed as an obligation to engage into certain activities or projects with legally binding commitments, or as a restriction for the Parties in their activities in any other way.

The existence of the present MoU and the content thereof will not be considered as confidential information. This MoU shall not be construed so as to create any legally binding commitments or any liabilities between the Parties and the Parties shall not be under any obligation to pay any damages to the other Party under this MoU. Any liability of the Parties is excluded.

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1. AIOTI accepts that the copyright of one6G publications and/or any other intellectual property rights of one6G members, whatever their nature or origin, shall remain the exclusive property of one6G members, and shall be used by AIOTI in accordance with the instructions as indicated by one6G and its members as the case may be.
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TERM

The MoU enters into force on the date of its last signature by duly authorised representatives of the Parties. The MoU will last for 5 years unless terminated by either Party with 30 (thirty) days prior written notice. After 5 years the Parties may discuss to prolong the MoU for further 5 years.

SIGNED on the 16 August 2023

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Jürgen Sturm
AIOT Management Board Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Alonistioti'.

Assoc. Prof. Nancy Alonistioti
Chairwoman one6G Association