EUROPEAN AI EVIDENCE ALLIANCE

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Five European organisations join forces so that AI decisions can be explained and verified across organisations

Cloud Data Engine, AIT, Fraunhofer FIT, Sopra Steria Belgium and TECNALIA create the European AI Evidence Alliance to keep evidence on AI continuous from one organisation to the next, so that data exchanges can scale

Vienna, 19 November 2026. Cloud Data Engine (CDE), AIT Austrian Institute of Technology, Fraunhofer FIT, Sopra Steria Belgium and TECNALIA today launched the European AI Evidence Alliance. Its goal is to keep the evidence behind AI decisions continuous and verifiable from one organisation to the next, so that AI can be trusted and data exchanges can scale.

When a bank turns down a loan with the help of AI, or a hospital relies on a model to read a scan, someone must later be able to explain what happened: which model was used, trained on which data, checked by whom, under which rule. Today that story is scattered between the model's maker, the organisation that uses it and the auditor. Each piece exists. Put together, they rarely add up to evidence that anyone can verify.

From December 2027 (August 2028 for AI built into products such as medical devices), the AI Act requires high-risk AI systems to keep records of how they operate. Those records only count if others can read and trust them.

The same gap holds back data sharing. Each organisation must check its AI and its data within its own walls. Whoever comes next in the value chain must also be able to know that these checks were done, without repeating them. Without that, exchanges of data and models, for example in European data spaces, stay limited to a few trusted partners and do not scale.

The Alliance will define a common specification, written by its members, to produce and verify this evidence across organisations, without anyone handing over models or data: organisations exchange verifiable attestations instead. Its members will work towards simpler, more efficient components that integrate easily into the systems organisations already run. The work targets dual-use (civil and defence) applications, finance, the pharmaceutical industry and health first, with other sectors to follow.

The founding members already know how to work together: they cooperate in EU research projects and in European data-space initiatives. The Alliance gives that cooperation a shared goal. Membership rules will be set in early 2027, and members commit to contribute. AI model providers, infrastructure operators, auditors and organisations that use AI can register their interest at www.evidencealliance.ai.

Alban Schmutz, President, Cloud Data Engine: “Today, the evidence behind an AI decision breaks as soon as it leaves the organisation that produced it. Cloud Data Engine already automates the verification of regulatory compliance across federated ecosystems and has built a decentralised registry of qualified AI models. We bring that experience to the Alliance so that evidence on AI stays continuous from the model's maker to the auditor, with components light enough to plug into the systems organisations already run.”

Mario Drobics, Head of Competence Unit Cooperative Digital Technologies, AIT: “To utilize the full potential of AI, we need to establish evidence and trust across actors. AIT brings its research on secure and trustworthy digital systems so that each link of the chain can rely on the checks made before it.”

Dr Christoph Lange-Bever, Head of the Data Science and Artificial Intelligence Department, Fraunhofer FIT: “Data spaces have shown that organisations can share data while keeping control of it. The Alliance applies that principle to evidence about AI, so that it can be shared, checked and trusted along the whole chain.”

Cédric Genin, Consulting Director Defence & Security, Sopra Steria Belgium: “Our clients in defence, public sector, financial services, health and industry ask us how to demonstrate that the AI they use, and the AI their suppliers use, is under control. The Alliance turns that demand into one answer that works across organisations.”

Joseba Laka, Director of the Digital Operational Unit, TECNALIA: “TECNALIA is working to ensure the traceability of compliance evidence across the full lifecycle of high-risk AI systems and AI embedded in products. The approach addresses two fronts: first, establishing robust evidence-based traceability frameworks in the health and pharmaceutical sectors, where regulatory requirements are particularly demanding; second, providing structured accompaniment to manufacturers of high-risk AI systems under Annex I, with a particular focus on the energy sector. In both cases, the objective is the same: delivering traceability components simple enough for industrial users to adopt and integrate into their existing compliance workflows.”

The announcement was made on the sidelines of the Gaia-X Summit 2026 in Vienna, organised by Gaia-X in cooperation with Gaia-X Hub Austria, operated by AIT, in the presence of all founding members.

Timeline

- **Early 2027:** governance of the Alliance set up.
- **Before the end of 2027:** first technical deliverables and pilots with industrial users.

About European AI Evidence Alliance

The European AI Evidence Alliance brings European organisations together to make the evidence behind AI verifiable across organisations, a condition for data exchanges to scale. Founding members: Cloud Data Engine, AIT, Fraunhofer FIT, Sopra Steria Belgium and TECNALIA. www.evidencealliance.ai

About Cloud Data Engine

Cloud Data Engine (CDE) develops technology that lets sensitive industries, from finance to defence, trust the AI models and data they exchange. Lineage, licences and decisions are signed at source and shared in real time across a data space, without disclosing models. Integrators deploy it in 90 days from each client's own ontology.

About AIT Austrian Institute of Technology

With more than 1,600 employees, the AIT Austrian Institute of Technology is Austria's largest research and technology organization. The AIT focuses on the research areas of “sustainable and resilient infrastructures”, particularly in the fields of energy, transportation and health, as well as the “digital transformation of industry and society”, working closely with universities, industry and public institutions.

About Fraunhofer FIT

Fraunhofer FIT shapes human-centered digital transformation across society, industry and government. Its Data Science and Artificial Intelligence department turns distributed data into trustworthy knowledge for AI, enabling sovereign sharing, interoperable infrastructures, verifiable evidence and informed decisions across organizational boundaries.

About Sopra Steria Belgium

Sopra Steria Belgium supports public and private organisations in their digital transformation, delivering consulting, technology and digital services across complex and mission-critical environments.

About TECNALIA

TECNALIA is the largest centre of applied research and technological development in Spain, a benchmark in Europe and a member of the Basque Research and Technology Alliance. It collaborates with companies and institutions to improve their competitiveness, people's quality of life and achieve sustainable growth, thanks to a team of more than 1,500 people committed to building a better world through technological research and innovation.

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