

German-French Cooperation in AI

Inria (Institut national de recherche en informatique et en automatique) and DFKI



On 22 January 2020, the first anniversary of the Aachen Treaty, the French National Institute for Information Technology, Inria, and DFKI signed a Memorandum of Understanding.

The two scientific institutions agreed to strengthen their cooperation in the field of AI significantly, to structure and formalize their long-standing scientific collaboration.

Inria and DFKI will work together in a joint strategic research and innovation agenda in the areas of AI for Industry 4.0, AI infrastructures, AI and cybersecurity, human-robot collaboration, wearables, and other topics. A core part of the agreement consists of the strong shared commitment to the European AI initiative CLAIRE (Confederation of Labs for AI Research in Europe). CLAIRE aims to bring European AI researchers closer together and collectively advance European research for AI that benefits people while respecting fundamental European values.

Concrete measures include the implementation of joint research and innovation projects, which partly build on both organizations' existing projects. Furthermore, new topics will be defined and elaborated in joint workshops.

The first projects have been launched in the pilot year 2020:

CLIMACTIC
Dynamic Planning in Individual Manufacturing along the Supply Chain

IMPRESS
Improving Embeddings with Semantic Knowledge

MePheSTO
Digital Phenotyping 4 Psychiatric Disorders from Social Interaction

MOVEON
Visual Robust Spatial Scene Understanding in Dynamic Environments using Intermediate Representations



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