

The 10th FIWARE Global Summit Unites Global Tech Innovators to Shape a More Sustainable Digital Future

Berlin, Naples, September 4, 2024 - FIWARE Global Summit - a premier event in business and open source technology organized by FIWARE Foundation in partnership with Meditech Competence Center and Casa delle Tecnologie Emergenti, Infiniti Mondi - Napoli Innovation City and hosted by Comune di Napoli - will take place in Naples (Italy) on September 18-19. It will showcase the latest advancements in cutting-edge technologies, such as AI, Digital Twin, Cybersecurity, and Data Spaces to pave the way toward a more sustainable digital future. This 10th Summit edition will bring more than 400 participants, 150 global speakers, 40 Innovation Hubs (iHubs) from 12 countries worldwide, and over 50 use cases deployed for Smart Cities, Smart Energy, Smart Water, Smart Agrifood, Smart Industry, Smart Communities, Mobility, and other emerging sectors.

Gaetano Manfredi, Mayor of Naples, stated: "Emerging technologies are the driving force behind urban innovation, offering smart and sustainable solutions to improve the quality of life for citizens. In Naples, for example, through the Casa delle Tecnologie Emergenti project, we are committed to strongly pursuing this goal. By integrating these technologies, we are creating dynamic and inclusive ecosystems where efficiency, sustainability, and well-being are at the heart of our policies. The 10th edition of FIWARE Global Summit in our city reaffirms our vision of a city model where cultural heritage and digital technologies are seamlessly integrated, creating immersive and engaging experiences for citizens. This approach not only enhances our cultural assets but also transforms them into a distinctive feature of smart cities, attracting investments, generating opportunities for young people, and promoting economic development".

The 10th FIWARE Global Summit will gather a passionate community of businesses, public administrations, academia, developers, technologists, thought leaders, entrepreneurs, SMEs and large enterprises, investors, and researchers, eager to share knowledge, develop impactful intelligent solutions worldwide, and build new partnerships for a resilient and inclusive digital tomorrow. Among the leading data experts and key opinion leaders in the field: **Asmina Syriou**, Business Applications & Partnerships Officer at European Space Agency; **Lee Jung-Hoon**, Honorary Major City of Seoul; **Marco Schuldt**, Deputy-Head of Section for Digitalisation, Industrie 4.0 at BMWK (German Federal Ministry of Economics and Climate Action); **Mario Scuderi** from CDP Venture Capital; **Matthias Rehfeld**, Head of Make-IT Africa at GIZ (German Society for International Cooperation); **Pier Luigi Pisa**, Deputy News Editor,

TV Author for La Repubblica; **Yasunori Mochizuki**, Chairman of the FIWARE Board of Directors and NEC Corporation Fellow.

Andrea Battaglia, CEO at FIWARE Foundation, highlighted: "The FIWARE Global Summit 2024 will be more meaningful than ever as we celebrate its 10th edition and a new era for FIWARE as a thriving global community that sets higher standards for data exchange and Smart Data Models, transforming data into greater value. We are looking forward to welcoming the FIWARE Community, as well as to the outstanding lineup of industry experts and key stakeholders from both private and public sectors. Together, we will collaborate to exchange knowledge and forge new partnerships, driving the development of innovative solutions for a more resilient and inclusive digital future."

The event will be held at Mostra D'Oltremare (Naples) in partnership with the Meditech Competence Center, through MEDIHub, the first of its kind Certified FIWARE IHub in Southern Italy. It's the only European organization that follows core principles of Data Spaces Business Alliance (composed of BDVA, FIWARE Foundation, Gaia-X, and IDSA). By joining FIWARE with MEDiHub, Meditech aims to shape the future of digital ecosystems in Southern Italy. Their goal is to turn concepts into practical smart solutions and develop new products and services that have a significant impact on the market and society. As part of the FIWARE global mission, Meditech has trained over 50 individuals, certified more than five tech experts, completed 10+ projects powered by FIWARE, and briefed over 200 people in the region over the past 12 months.

Angelo Giuliana, General Manager of Meditech Competence Centre, commented: "Hosting the 10th edition of the FIWARE Global Summit in Naples is a significant recognition of the work our Competence Center has been doing for several years, investing in training and increasingly strategic skills that align with a vision rooted in the value of data and its sharing. This principle is fundamental to the very concept of a smart city - ambitious projects that are reshaping Europe and finding fertile ground in Naples, thanks to the efforts of the City of Naples. With our support, the city aims to become the data capital of the region".

Sustainable technologies and business opportunities: What makes the 10th FIWARE Global Summit so special?

The 10th Summit edition will feature two days of impactful programming, including interactive panel discussions, Ted Talks formats, matchmaking, and networking.

On September 18, the first day of the conference, will focus on the strategic and business vision of the new era of FIWARE, deep dive into into topics such as developing ecosystems for systemic sustainability, accelerating secure and resilient solutions for a better future, and exploring how to create a single European market of Data Spaces and develop a Data Economy together with the Data Spaces Business Alliance.

On September 19, panel discussions will cover practical applications of FIWARE for Smart Communities, Smart Energy, Industry, Agrifood, and Smart Water. Enabling technologies like Data Space, Digital Twins, AI, ML, and Robotics will also be discussed. Experts from FIWARE Innovation Hubs will share tools and methodologies for strengthening innovation ecosystems

for digital development of local territories.

The FIWARE Global Summit offers a two-day Tech Training program starting on September 18. It will cover topics such as using NGSI APIs, connecting to open source software, leveraging context data through Machine Learning and AI, and programming Digital Twins using NGSI-LD and 1200+ Smart Data Models.

To get further details about the FIWARE Global Summit and to secure your ticket, please visit the official website:: www.fiware.org/global-summit/

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About FIWARE Foundation

Together with its members and partners, <u>FIWARE Foundation</u> drives the definition – and the Open Source implementation – of key open standards that enable the development of portable and interoperable smart solutions in a faster, easier and affordable way, avoiding vendor lock-in scenarios, whilst also nurturing FIWARE as a sustainable and innovation-driven business ecosystem. Serving diverse domains, FIWARE is today the world leading Open Source technology for the digitization of smart cities and regions.

The foundation achieves this through its offering of reference architectures, standard building blocks, roughly **1,200 Smart Data Models**, a standard API, its **40 Innovation Hubs (iHubs)**, the FIWARE Marketplace, and the support of its fast-growing global community that shares a common vision and combines their efforts toward making FIWARE the Open Source technology of choice for industries, governments, universities and associations to reach their full potential and scale up their activities, thereby, entering new markets and growing their businesses. Founded in 2016, the foundation has **Madinah City, Atos, Engineering, NEC, Red Hat, and Telefónica** among its **625+members.** For further information, visit <u>fiware.org</u> and follow the organization on <u>Twitter, LinkedIn</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>

About Meditech Competence Center

MedITech Competence Center, selected in 2018 by the Italian Ministry of Economic Development (MISE) as one of eight nationally significant centers, is a public-private partnership that provides guidance and training to companies on Industry 4.0 topics, as well as support in the implementation of innovation projects, industrial research, and experimental development. These efforts are aimed at enabling companies, particularly SMEs, to create new products, processes, or services (or to improve existing ones) through the use of advanced technologies in the Industry 4.0 domain. Meditech benefits from the collaboration of 5 universities in Campania, 3 universities in Puglia, and 21 leading industrial players.

The MedITech Competence Center is inspired by the innovation needs of the Southern Italian region, combining excellence in technological expertise with an understanding of the innovation needs and potential of local production and socio-economic systems. For further information, visit www.meditech4.com and follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn