NGI Search Supports Ten European Open Source Search Software

The first ten open source projects, selected after the NGI Search Open Call #1 early 2023, are now supported by the consortium members and funded by the European Commission.

Paris, 14 June 2023 – OW2, the international community of open source software for information systems and Mirko Presser, professor at Aarhus University (Denmark) and NGI Search coordinator, a cascade funding project showcased at OW2con’23, are proud to support ten open source software projects that may change the way we search, discover and use data and resources in general on the internet and the web.

The first ten winners were selected after two months of evaluation, from among 62 eligible proposals, out of a total of 81 applications received. They have just signed an agreement including a support from the NGI Search project five partners and a funding from the European Commission up to 150,000 € per project. The ten selected projects are:

1. Search-a-licious, by the Open Food Facts association: an open and scalable search platform for open data projects, easing the exploration of the Open Food Facts database.
2. TalentLayer, a toolkit to improve the interoperability of hiring and work platforms.
3. ChatDKG, a trusted, decentralised knowledge graph-based platform for critical knowledge discovery and environmental sustainability of EU buildings.
4. HeReFaNMi, Health-Related Fake News Mitigation, an automatic AI-based system for detecting health-related fake news.
5. LabDiscoveryEngine, a software for sharing laboratory equipment, allowing to publish, discover and access their resources securely.
6. Ma Dada, a citizen platform, based on open source software and linguistic models, aiming to make more discoverable the information stored by public authorities in France.
7. IoT twinning for digital product passports, the information identification and access service for digital devices, based on digital twins, for second-hand market and reuse: a partnership between the Polytechnic University of Catalonia and the eReuse.org circular economy initiative.
8. TrustSearch, an AI software for decision-making based on critical thinking research, presenting different media approaches to a controversial issue.
9. SVP64 Power ISA Vector Optimisation for Search, improves the energy efficiency of search algorithms via a hardware-optimised vector ISA (Instruction-Set Architecture).
10. On My Disk: search integration, the decentralised search system on personal data in the cloud, preserving data privacy.

For a detailed description of these ten projects, please visit NGI Search: https://www.ngisearch.eu/view/Events/FirstTenSearchersAnnounced

Four further calls for projects are planned until spring 2024 to support some 50 European projects in total. These can be from independent entrepreneurs or developers, VSEs or SMEs, academic research organisations or non-profit organisations. The solutions must be innovative and have the potential to improve the privacy and security of users searching for information or resources on the internet.

The services offered by the NGI Search team facilitate the market adoption of such software; they include a beta test campaign, scientific and legal advice including open source licensing, assistance with the creation of marketing materials, as well as showcasing during open source and industry conferences. For more information, attend for free the OW2con’23 conference (www.ow2con.org) on 14-15 June 2023.
About NGI Search

The NGI Search project supported by the European Commission through the Horizon Europe programme (Sept. 2022 – Aug. 2025) and framed by the Next Generation Internet initiative, aims to bring forth the next innovative software for searching, discovering and exploiting data and resources in general on the internet and the web. This cascade funding project is overseen by five European partners: University of Aarhus (Denmark), University of Murcia (Spain), FundingBox (Poland) funding platform, Linknovate Science (Spain) expert and innovation research startup, and OW2 open source community (France).

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