



## European Data Forum 2013

### **A truly European Big Data community is on the rise**

**The European Data Forum (EDF) is an annual meeting place for industry, researchers, policy makers, and community initiatives to discuss the challenges and opportunities of (Big) Data in Europe.**

The BIG consortium is one of the main organisers of the **European Data Forum Conference Series** that has been started in June 2012 in Copenhagen and is planned as an annual conference organised by the European Commission (EC) and several data-oriented EU funded projects. The next edition will be held in Dublin, Ireland on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of April, 2013.

The **European Data Forum (EDF)** is a meeting place for industry, research, policymakers and community initiatives to discuss the challenges of Big Data and the emerging Data Economy and to develop suitable action plans for addressing these challenges. **According to Josema Cavanillas, Research & Innovation Director at Atos, and coordinator of the BIG project, the profitable and intelligent use of different kinds of data for the optimization of business processes, and the implementation of a transparent public administration are becoming major challenges in the development of our information society.**

European Commission Vice-President Antonio Tajani recently launched the European Entrepreneurship Action Plan, which mentions “accessing Open Data and Big Data” as a must, stating that “investing in digital technologies is no longer a choice.” After the commitments of European Commission Vice-President Neelie Kroes in relation to Open Data, this is again a clear “Go” signal for the European Data Economy.

Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) are one of the focuses of the EDF, since they are driving innovation and competition in many data-driven economic sectors. The topics discussed at the European Data Forum range from novel data-driven business models, such as data clearing houses, and technological innovations, e.g. Linked Data Web, to societal aspects like open governmental data as well as data privacy and security. EDF program consists of presentations and networking sessions by industry leaders, academics, policy makers, and community organisers who will address the following strategic questions:

- *Is the European economy ready for Big Data?*
- *Are we reaching out to relevant stakeholders?*
- *What does Europe provide in terms of innovative Business Intelligence?*

Detailed information on the European data Forum, its program as well as registration modalities are available here: <http://2013.data-forum.eu/>. For further information, please contact the EDF committee: [edf2013@data-forum.eu](mailto:edf2013@data-forum.eu)

## Background information:

### EDF2013 Facts

**What:** European Data Forum 2013 (EDF2013)

**Where:** [Croke Park Conference Centre](#) in Dublin, Ireland

**When:** April 9 to 10, 2013

**More Information:** <http://2013.data-forum.eu/>

**Registration** (EDF2013 is free of charge): <http://2013.data-forum.eu/news/european-data-forum-2013-call-contribution/registration>

**Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/EUDataForum> , hashtag: #EDF2013

**Press Area:** <http://2013.data-forum.eu/about/press-area>

**LinkedIn Group:** <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/European-Data-Forum-4356346>

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## Programme and Call for Participation

We are seeking inspiring presentations addressing fundamental technical, application, socio-economic and policy-related topics related to Big Data management and analytics. The presentations will vary in format and focus depending on the anticipated audience and their contributors. Proposals will be reviewed by the organising committee of the European Data Forum (<http://2013.data-forum.eu/about/organizers>) according to their relevance to the scope and purpose of the event.

If you are interested in participating as a guest speaker for the EDF2013, please read the Call for Participation: <http://2013.data-forum.eu/news/european-data-forum-2013-call-contribution> and submit your presentation proposal no later than the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2013 (2PM CET).

## Registration - Travel Support - Sponsoring

Registration and participation in the European Data Forum 2013 is free of charge: <http://2013.data-forum.eu/news/european-data-forum-2013-call-contribution/registration>.

There is also a limited opportunity for financial travel support (mainly for SMEs and NGO/NPO) - please watch the EDF2013 website for further details.

If you are interested in involving your organisation at the European Data Forum 2013, please note the Sponsor Information on the EDF2013 website and/or get in touch with the EDF2013 Sponsor Chairs: Nuria De-Lama Sanchez and/or Elena Simperl directly.

The European Data Forum 2013 is a joint activity of the EC projects:

- BIG (<http://big-project.eu/>)
- LOD2 (<http://lod2.eu/>)
- PlanetData (<http://planet-data.eu/>)
- Optique (<http://www.optique-project.eu/>)
- envision (<http://www.envision-project.eu/>) and
- TELEIOS (<http://www.earthobservatory.eu/>)

The EDF2013 is supported by the European Commission as well as by the Digital Repository of Ireland (<http://www.dri.ie/>), STI International (<http://www.sti2.org/>) and DERI, NUI Galway (<http://www.deri.ie/>). EDF2013 is an associated event of the Irish Presidency of the Council of the EU (<http://www.eu2013.ie/>).

If you have any questions, feel free to [contact us](#) and we will follow-up with you.

**The EDF2013 conference team is looking forward to meeting you in Dublin, Ireland in April!**

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