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# CLOUD FOR EUROPE

CloudforEurope

The Cloud for Europe initiative, in support of the European Cloud Partnership, will allow the public sector to implement well-defined cloud computing strategies. Supported by stakeholders from both public and private sectors, Cloud for Europe aims to remove the obstacles for cloud adoption. Cloud for Europe brings together industry and the public sector to provide conditions for a digital single market for cloud computing in Europe.

## AT A GLANCE

**Project title:**

Cloud for Europe

**Project number:**

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**Project Type:**

Combination of Collaborative project &  
Coordination Action for the support of Pre-  
Commercial Procurement  
(CP-CSA FOR PCP)

**Partners:**

23 partners from 11 countries  
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**Duration:**

June 2013 – Nov. 2016 (42 months)

**Total Cost:** € 13.66 M

**Programme:** FP7 ICT Call 10

**Website:**

[www.cloudforeurope.eu](http://www.cloudforeurope.eu)  
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The European Cloud Computing Partnership (ECP), and its Steering Board that was established in Brussels on 19 November 2012, are within the European Cloud Strategy addressing the challenges of fragmented markets by harmonising the varying requirements of cloud services demanded by European governments.

Joint pre-commercial procurement (PCP) is the ideal instrument for promoting, among European private sector players, innovative solutions for cloud services that best fit the common cloud computing requirements of the public sector.

## Objectives

Cloud for Europe will give a clear view on the public sector requirements and usage scenarios for cloud computing. Supported by stakeholders from the public sector, industry and standardisation bodies, the main objectives of Cloud for Europe are:

- Identifying obstacles for cloud use in the public sector
- Defining services that are currently hindered by those obstacles
- Procuring research from industry to find innovative solutions for cloud services

The Cloud for Europe project addresses the objectives of the European Cloud Partnership and helps partners to adopt a

well-defined European Cloud Computing Strategy for the public sector.

## Expected Results

The PCP preparation will comprise of all

the preparatory work needed for implementing the tender. This includes analysing the requirements of the European public sector, the current market situation and the relevant standardisation landscape. In addition, stakeholder groups will be formed, comprising of public authorities, standardisation bodies and industry representatives as potential bidders. Stakeholder involvement events will be organised in each partner country and at European level. The first phase will end with the release of the PCP tender.

The PCP tender implementation starts with initial proposals for innovative cloud services. Evaluation criteria will be used to further select first prototypes and finally tested prototypes. Project results will be continuously discussed with the stakeholder group.

The sharing phase produces lessons learnt and best practices and provides recommendations for future PCP activities. This includes establishing suitable contractual terms and conditions for future cloud procurements. Guidance and training materials will be produced for industry as potential tenderers as well as for public authorities who would like to apply a PCP scheme to procure cloud services. Training events will be organised for both industry and public authorities.

## List of Partners

- Federal Computing Centre of Austria (AT)
- Institute for Applied Information Processing and Communications, Graz University of Technology (AT)
- Secure Information Technology Center (AT)
- Belgian Federal Public Service for Information and Communication Technology (BE)
- EEMA (BE)
- KU Leuven (BE)
- e-Governance Academy, Estonia (EE)
- Estonian Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications (EE)
- Ministry of Finance (FI)
- Federal Office for Information Security (DE)
- Fraunhofer FOKUS – Institute for Open Communication Systems, (DE)
- Agenzia per l'Italia Digitale (IT)
- Trento RISE Association (IT)
- Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Netherlands (NL)
- Tax and Customs Administration, Ministry of Finance (NL)
- Agency for the Public Services Reform (PT)
- Associação CCG/ZGDV – Centro de Computação Gráfica (PT)
- INESC-ID (PT)
- Institute for the Public Administration Shared Services (PT)
- University of Porto (PT)
- Ministry of Interior (SI)
- Ministry of Finances and Public Administration (ES)
- Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TR)

