



Press Release April 2012:

European Data Forum 2012 - The New Meeting Point for the European Data Economy!

The European Data Forum 2012 (EDF2012) - taking place on 6-7 June 2012 at the Copenhagen Business School (CBS), Denmark - is a meeting place for industry, research, policy-makers and community initiatives to discuss the challenges of Big Data and the emerging Data Economy, as well as to develop suitable action plans for addressing these challenges.

On 6-7th June 2012 in Copenhagen, Denmark, for the first time ever, the brand-new forum for the European data economy will be launched, discussing issues along the data value chain, open data and big data! Organised by the European Commission and four partially EU-funded projects, the European Data Forum 2012 will be established as an annual conference discussing relevant data topics for the future!

Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) will be of particular focus within the EDF2012, as they are driving innovation and competition in many data-driven economic sectors. Topics discussed at the European Data Forum range from novel, data-driven business models (e.g. data clearing houses), to technological innovations (e.g. Linked Data Web) and societal aspects (e.g. open government data as well as data privacy and security).

EDF2012 Facts

What: European Data Forum 2012 (EDF2012)

Where: Copenhagen Business School(CBS), <http://www.cbs.dk/>, Copenhagen, DK

When: June 6 to June 7, 2012

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

Registration (EDF2012 is free of charge): <http://www.data-forum.eu/registration>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/#!/EUDataForum> , Hashtag: #EDF2012

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

Programme and Call for Participation

The programme of the two day conference is currently in the process of being finalised, but the conference team (<http://www.data-forum.eu/about/organizers>) is nevertheless happy to announce the following keynote speakers who have already been confirmed: Andreas Both, Head of Research at Unister, Nigel Shadbolt, University of Southampton and Rufus Pollock, Open Knowledge Foundation. You can find more information and details about the programme at: <http://www.data-forum.eu/program>. Information about the EDF2012 keynote speakers can be found at: <http://www.data-forum.eu/program/keynotes>.

Aside from the aforementioned keynote speakers, there will be special sessions with guest speakers and talks by presenters who will be selected through the 'Call for Participation'. Furthermore, a Kick-off session of FP7 SME Call Projects will take place, as well as the Workprogramme 2013. Additionally, Khalil Rouhana, of the European Commission, will be presenting opportunities for SMEs.

The peak of the EDF2012 programme is the conference dinner with keynote speakers planned for the evening of June 6th in the area of the famous Copenhagen Tivoli. The proceedings of the EDF2012 will be published at CEUR-WS.org.

If you are interested in participating as a guest speaker for the EDF2012, please read the Call for Participation (<http://www.data-forum.eu/join/call-participation>) and submit your presentation proposal no later than the 15th of May, 2012: <http://www.data-forum.eu/registration> - Please note: 15th of May 2012, 10.00pm CET is the deadline for submission of your proposal for a presentation!

EDF2012 Side Events: EDF2012 Hackathon and EU Data Cloud

Aside from the main conference programmes including several keynote speakers and presentations on data relevant topics, the following two secondary events will take place at the EDF2012:

EDF2012 Hackathon (<http://www.data-forum.eu/program/hackathon>)

When: June 6, from 3.30 to 06.00pm CET and June 7, from 09.00am to 03.00pm CET

Scope: 30 to 50 participants

Focus: "Integrating Linked Open Data into Business Content Management"

Audience: Senior Developers, Software Architects looking for ways to make use of web-based data resources and linking them into their customer business solutions.

Remark: Main results of this Hackathon will be presented in the course of the closing session of EDF2012.

Realising and exploiting the EU Data Cloud

(<http://www.data-forum.eu/program/eu-data-cloud>)

When: June 6, from 3:30pm to 6pm.

What: We especially encourage representatives of EU institutions, such as Eurostat, Publications Office of the European Union, etc. to join us.

Focus: In this session, we will explain the opportunities and vision of the EU data cloud, as well as demonstrate tools that enable participation in this exciting data space.

Registration - Travel Support - Sponsoring

Registration and participation in the European Data Forum 2012 is free of charge: <http://www.data-forum.eu/registration> There is also an opportunity (limited number) for financial travel support - please see respective guidelines here: <http://www.data-forum.eu/registration/guidelines-financial-travel-support>

If you are interested in positioning your organisation at the European Data Forum 2012, please note the Sponsor Information at: <http://www.data-forum.eu/join/sponsor-information>

EDF is based on a cross-project cooperation of LATC (Linked Open Data Around-the-Clock, <http://latc-project.eu/>), LOD2 (Creating Knowledge out of Interlinked Data, <http://lod2.eu/Welcome.html>), IKS (Interactive Knowledge Stack, <http://www.iks-project.eu/>), and PlanetData (<http://planet-data.eu/>). It is supported by the European Commission and brought to you by STI International (<http://www.sti2.org/>).

The EDF2012 conference team is looking forward to meeting you in Copenhagen in June!

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