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1. Introduction

This document describes the press release for TEF-Health Call #1.

2. Press Release

Innovative Testing and Experimentation Call Opportunity for AI and Robotics Startups and SMEs in Healthcare

TEF-Health Call #1

TEF-Health, a pioneering initiative in the healthcare Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Robotics, is excited to announce a unique call opportunity for startups and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) across European Union (EU) member states. This call is designed to empower innovators in the healthcare industry, providing them with unparalleled support to bring their AI and robotics solutions to the market efficiently.

About the Call:

The primary objective of this project is to facilitate the development and market entry of trustworthy AI and robotics solutions. One key aspect of this collaboration is the establishment of a network of practical testing facilities. These facilities encompass physical infrastructure, data resources, computational capabilities, living labs, and laboratory testing facilities, offering healthcare innovators the opportunity to conduct extensive tests and experiments within large-scale, realistic environments.

How TEF-Health Supports:

TEF-Health is equipped to provide validation services for AI and robotics-based solutions across various medical domains. This call is a gateway for startups and SMEs to identify ideal partners for collaboratively designing and conducting validation studies for groundbreaking healthcare products or services rooted in AI or robotics technology.

Benefits for Selected Applicants:

Startups and SMEs selected through this call will benefit from a comprehensive roadmap that includes:

- Matchmaking with Portuguese TEF-Health service providers.
- Access to services not currently available in the market.
- Service quotations from Portuguese TEF-Health providers.
- Signature of adhesion agreement.
- Implementation of TEF-Health services.
- Product/pilot evaluation report after service implementation.
- A final product/pilot with Technology Readiness Level (TRL) ranging between 5 and 9.

State Aid and Discounts:

Selected candidates may receive state aid as discount fees on services, under applicable conditions, including:

Innovation aid for SMEs, not exceeding €200,000 per company over 3 financial years or, De Minimis aid, not exceeding €200,000 per company over 3 financial years.

Who Can Apply:

Startups and SMEs from EU member states are eligible to apply if they fulfill certain criteria, including being legally incorporated in a EU member state, meeting the EU definition of an SME, and demonstrating a minimum TRL of 4 for their AI or robotics solutions.

Application Process:

The application process involves several phases, including eligibility assessment, evaluation, and approval to gain access to the Portuguese TEF-Health services catalogue.

How to Apply:

Interested startups and SMEs can apply by visiting tefhealth.eu/call and following the application process outlined in the call document.

For more information about the call and detailed eligibility requirements, please refer to the official call document available at tefhealth.eu

Interested parties can attend the information webinar on February 14th, 2024, from 12:30 to 13:30 Central European Time (CET), to find out more about the process. Register here: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/7017072207691/WN_7p-_mATvTAagWFj2sER2cw#/registration

Take advantage of this opportunity to collaborate with leading experts and testing facilities in AI and robotics within the European healthcare landscape. TEF-Health looks forward to receiving innovative proposals that will shape the future of healthcare through cutting-edge technologies.

About TEF-Health:

TEF-Health, Testing and Experimentation Facility for Health AI and Robotics (Project: 101100700 — TEF-Health — DIGITAL-2022-CLOUD-AI-02) is co-financing 5-year project under the Digital Europe Programme. This project aims to support developers in the healthcare AI and Robotics, enabling them to bring trustworthy AI/robotic solutions to the market with increased efficiency, and fostering their widespread adoption across Europe.

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