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## Announcing a “Digital Legal Ecosystem” – Join is a technology partner in a pathbreaking European project

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Supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi) and the federal Network Agency for Electricity, Gas, Telecommunications, Post and Railway (BNetzA), the ‘Digital Legal Ecosystem’ (DIKE) is expected to be created starting next year. Join GmbH is involved in this pathbreaking European project as a technology partner.

Led by the Liquid Legal Institute e. V. (LLI), the project is based on the measures and ideas of LLI for a Common Legal Platform ([www.common-legal-platform.org](http://www.common-legal-platform.org)). Join GmbH will be participating in the project as a technology partner, assisting in its development based on the GAIA-X architecture. The newly added ‘Legal’ domain will complement existing application domains within the planned common data infrastructure, such as ‘Industry 4.0/SME’, ‘Health’ and ‘Finance’.

Enabling a ‘Digital Legal Ecosystem’ is a central requirement of this type of general data infrastructure. The reasoning: for small and medium-sized enterprises, who may not have their own legal department, legal affairs are generally associated with significant costs. DIKE represents a simplified approach and will function as a type of digital marketplace, with uniform, transparent standards. It will ensure cooperation between law firms, public administration, courts, and suppliers of Legal Tech.

### A technology partner in an open consortium

Join GmbH will dedicate itself to this task along with several other partner firms (currently standing at eight). Other consortium partners led by LLI are: Ebner Stolz Mönning Bachem mbB; ESCRIBA AG; FZI Forschungszentrum Informatik; Gesellschaft für Informatik e. V. (GI); NAIX Technology GmbH; STP Informationstechnologie GmbH; and Unterschied & Macher GmbH. The cooperative was selected from more than 130 submissions within the framework of the GAIA-X BMWi and BNetzA’s funding competition. It is set to put its concepts for the ‘Digital Legal Ecosystem’ into practice from 2022. Other partners have been invited to take part in the effort to build DIKE.

Join GmbH was selected due to its IT expertise in the highly relevant sphere of Legal Tech. The company has for some time been a partner of Liquid Legal Institute e. V. Join also developed an end-to-end solution for contract lifecycle management in collaboration with technology company Merck.

“Until now, the legal system was unable to keep up or benefit from the continual progression of digitalisation. For most companies, legal questions are still a matter for worry, involving time and substantial expense. DIKE allows us to attack this topic with our partners, even in a European context. We’re happy to accept this challenge”, says Join managing director Christian Wittrich.

#### **About Join GmbH:**

Join GmbH creates smart solutions for internal and cross-company communication and collaboration. As a technology-independent IT service provider with more than 20 years of IT project experience, Join uses a composition of standard products and services to implement individual customer needs professionally. The portfolio ranges from data integration, enterprise search and data analysis to multi-project management and the “Digital Twin” of companies in terms of structural and processual organization. A further focus is the development of practical SharePoint and Microsoft 365 solutions and modern workplace consulting.

Find out more: <https://www.join.de/>

#### **About Liquid Legal Institute e. V.:**

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