



# ICSC and Digital Sovereignty: Building Italy and Europe's Federated Ecosystem for Advanced Computing

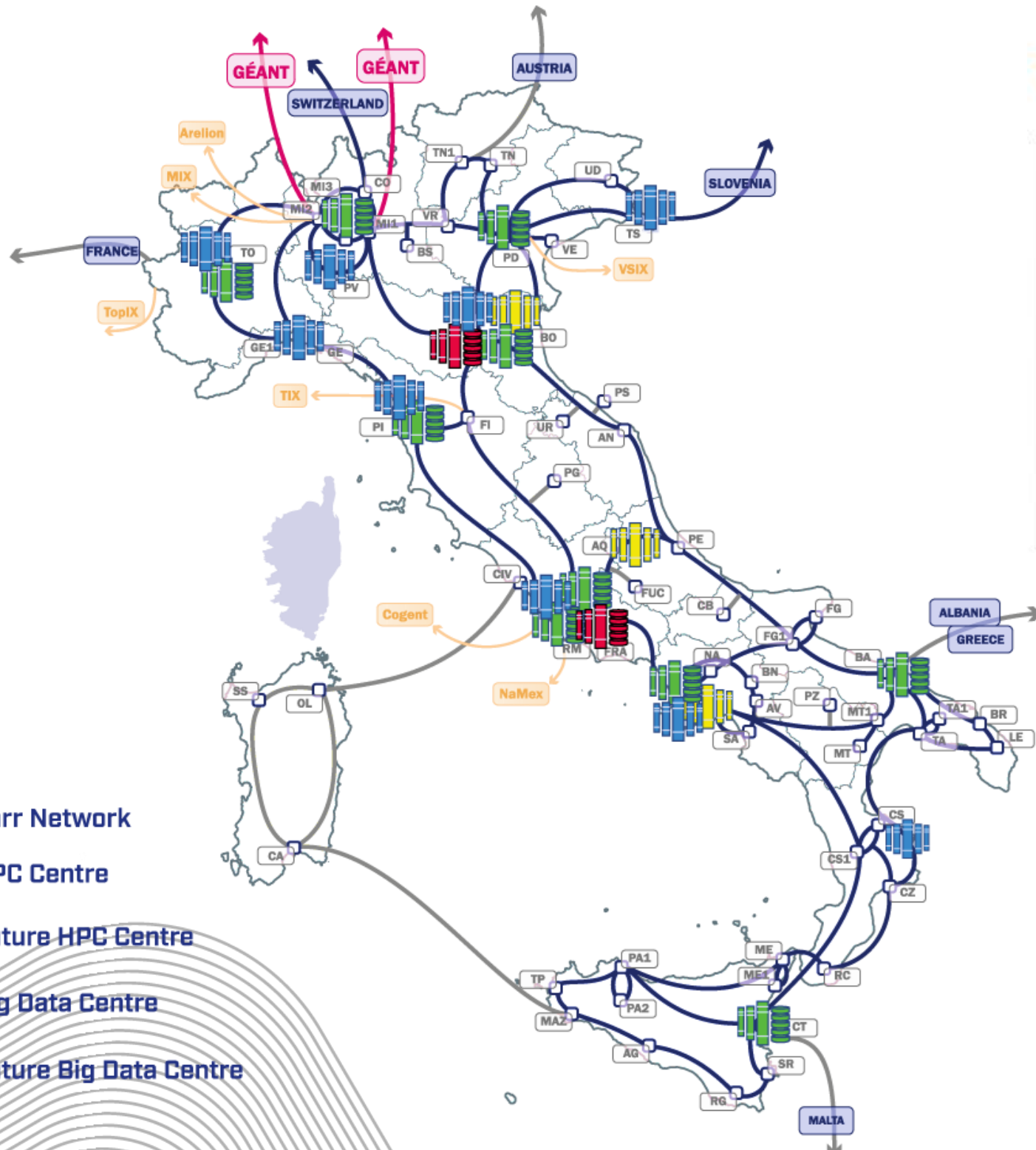
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# Italian Recovery and Resilience Plan: Center for Research In HPC, Big data and Quantum Computing (ICSC)

**Objective:** Sustain research so that **innovative, low TRL** research outputs may be brought to a **ready-to-market state**, through direct involvement of **public and private** institutions.

## Research to Business



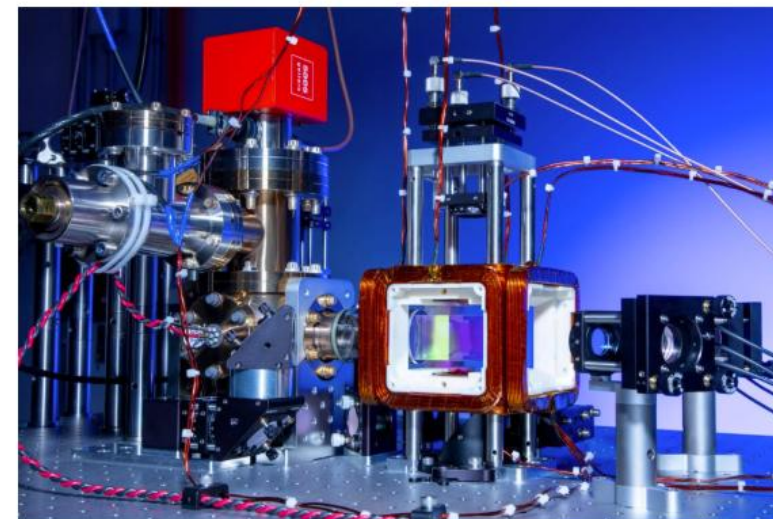




**INNOVATE:** THE FIRST INDUSTRIAL SUPERCOMPUTER OF THE EUROPEAN EURO HPC INFRASTRUCTURE

## ICSC AND QUERA: A PARTNERSHIP TO PROVIDE ITALIAN RESEARCHERS ACCESS TO ONE OF THE WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED NEUTRAL-ATOM QUANTUM COMPUTERS

Sep 30, 2025 | Press Release



Through this partnership, national laboratories and businesses (including the ICSC Foundation) will have direct access to Aquila, the world's first 256-qubit quantum computer, accompanied by a dedicated mentoring program.

**The industrial-grade support** will facilitate the development of industrial applications. It is expected to be installed at the Bologna Technopole in the first half of 2026.



# Open technologies: RISC-V

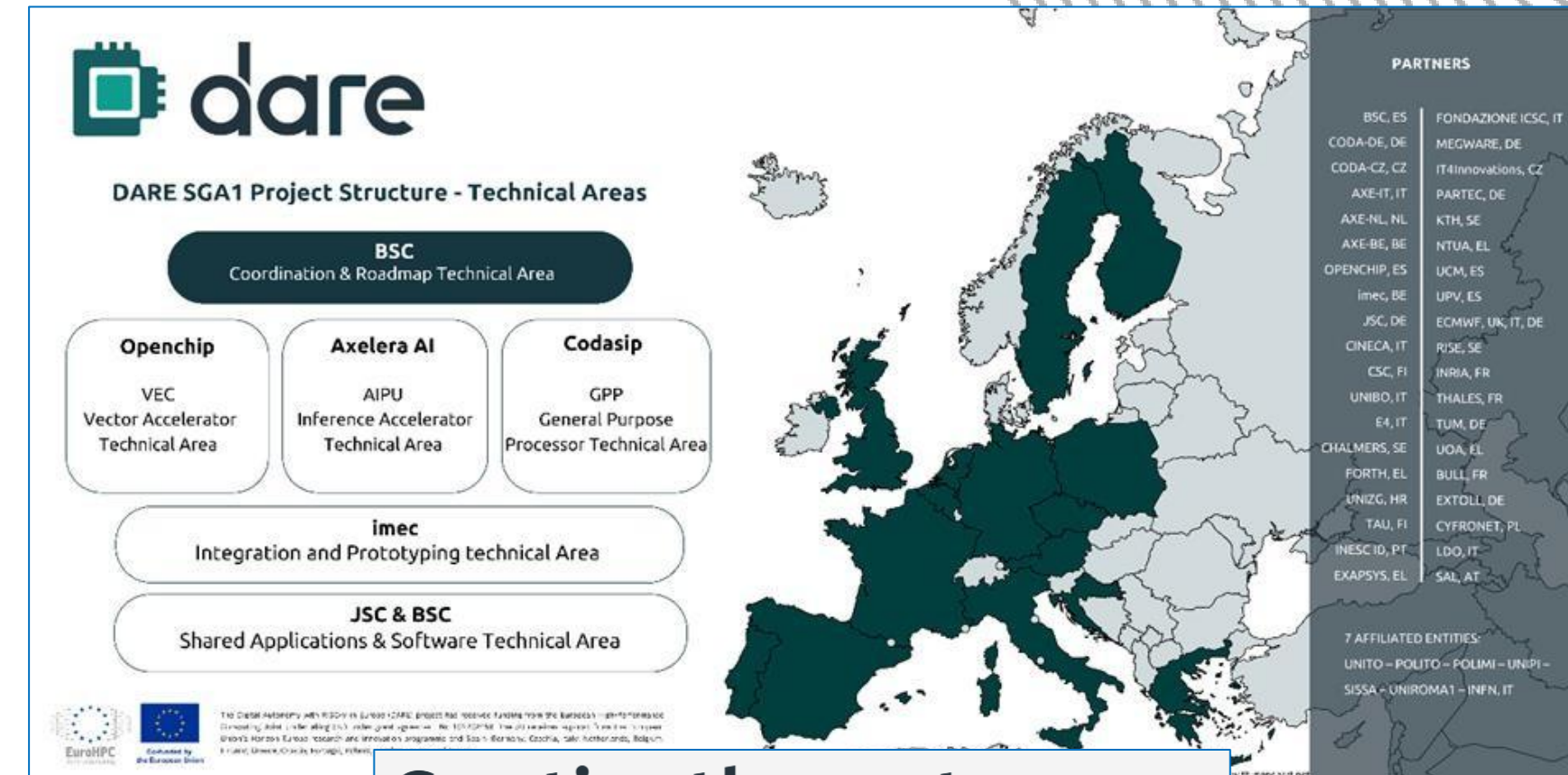
## ■ DARE (Digital Autonomy with RISC-V in Europe)

- Develop **next-generation European processors and computing systems**, including an optimized software ecosystem, designed for research and industry applications (<https://dare-riscv.eu/home/>) → started **3/2025**

## ■ Why?

- Open-Source disruption of proprietary models
- Geopolitical and national security dimensions (reduce reliance on US-controlled IP)
- Strategic role in AI and High-Performance Computing → AI accelerators
- Strategic flexibility for industry → customization for specialized workloads

<https://dare-riscv.eu/>

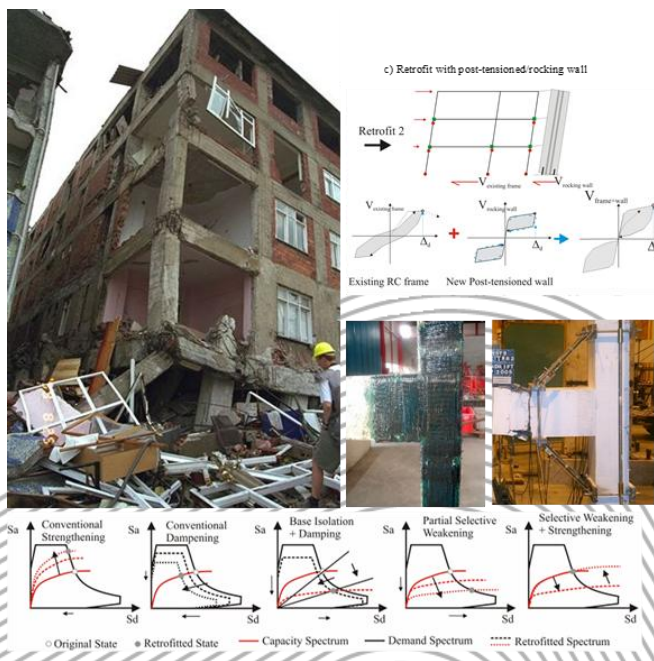
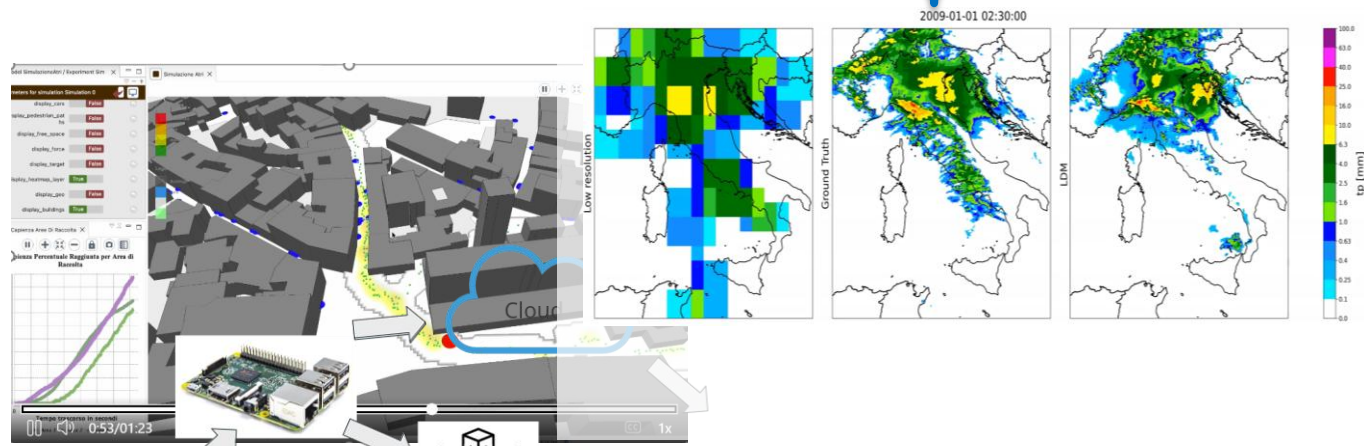
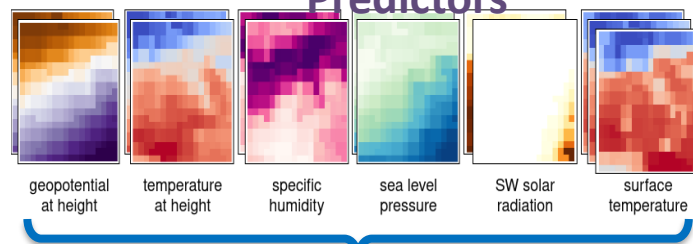


## Creating the next generation of processors

*Based on open source and highly adaptable tools*

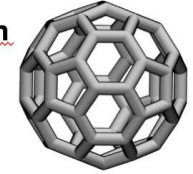
DARE (Digital Autonomy with RISC-V in Europe) is a groundbreaking initiative driving Europe's independence in high-performance computing and AI. By leveraging open-source technologies, DARE is **developing cutting-edge chiplet processors** — the essential building blocks for next-generation supercomputers. This effort is a critical first phase in a long-term plan to ensure **secure, efficient, and scalable computing solutions** tailored to European needs.

Predictors

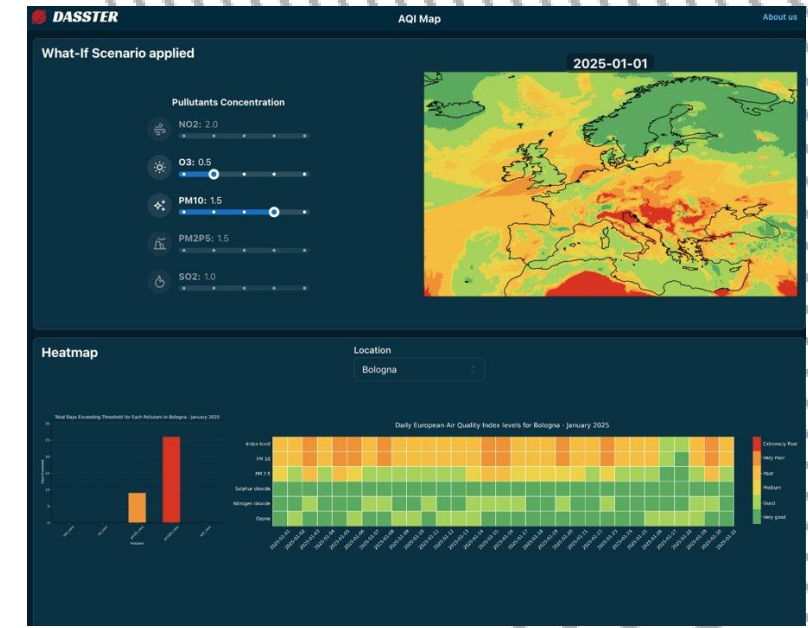
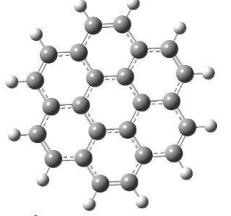
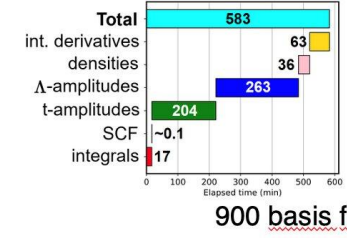


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New CCSD implementation  
1800 basis functions  
D<sub>2h</sub> Symmetry  
About 2h/iteration!



CCSD Geometry Optimization

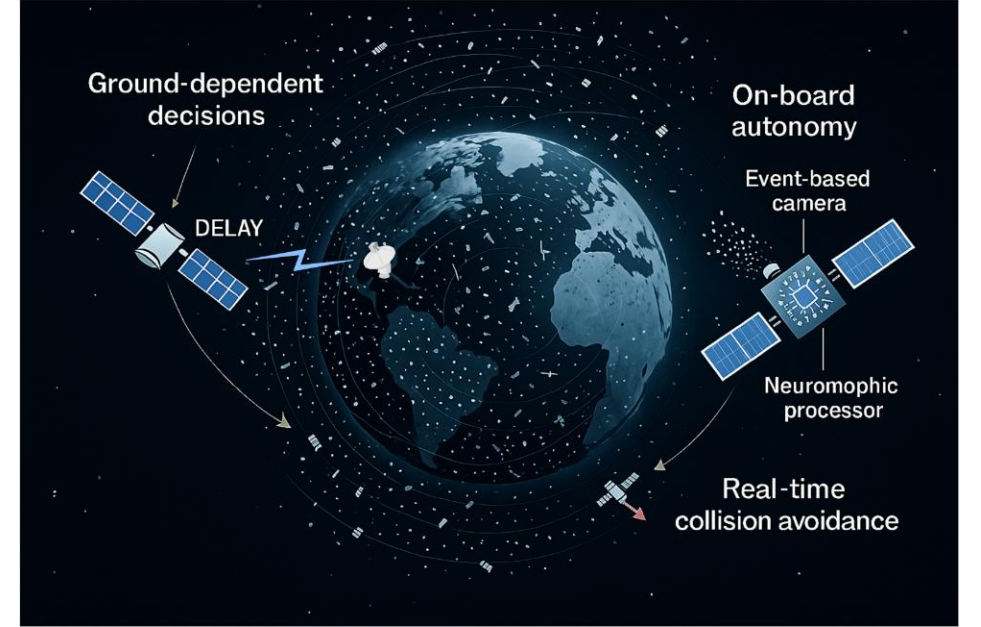
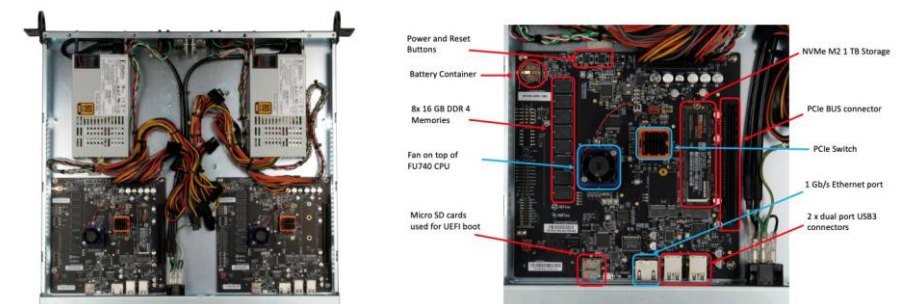


Dynamic Solutions for Hybrid Quantum-HPC Resource Allocation

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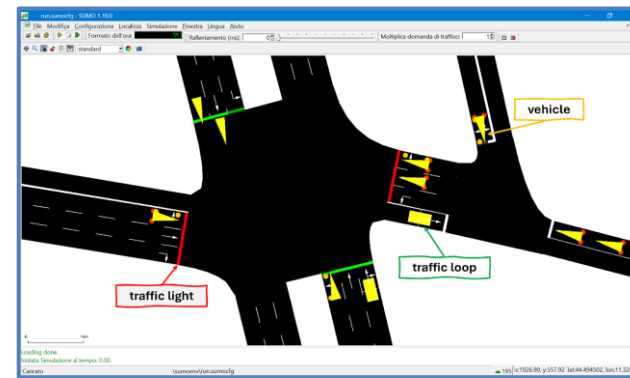
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Monte Cimone: Paving the Road for the First Generation of RISC-V High-Performance Computers



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**SII: TRANSVERSAL RESEARCH GROUP on SOCIETAL IMPLICATIONS AND IMPACT**



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## The Ethical Data Initiative and Supercomputing ICSC

*Bridging the gap between technological power and human values*

<https://ethicaldatainitiative.org/>



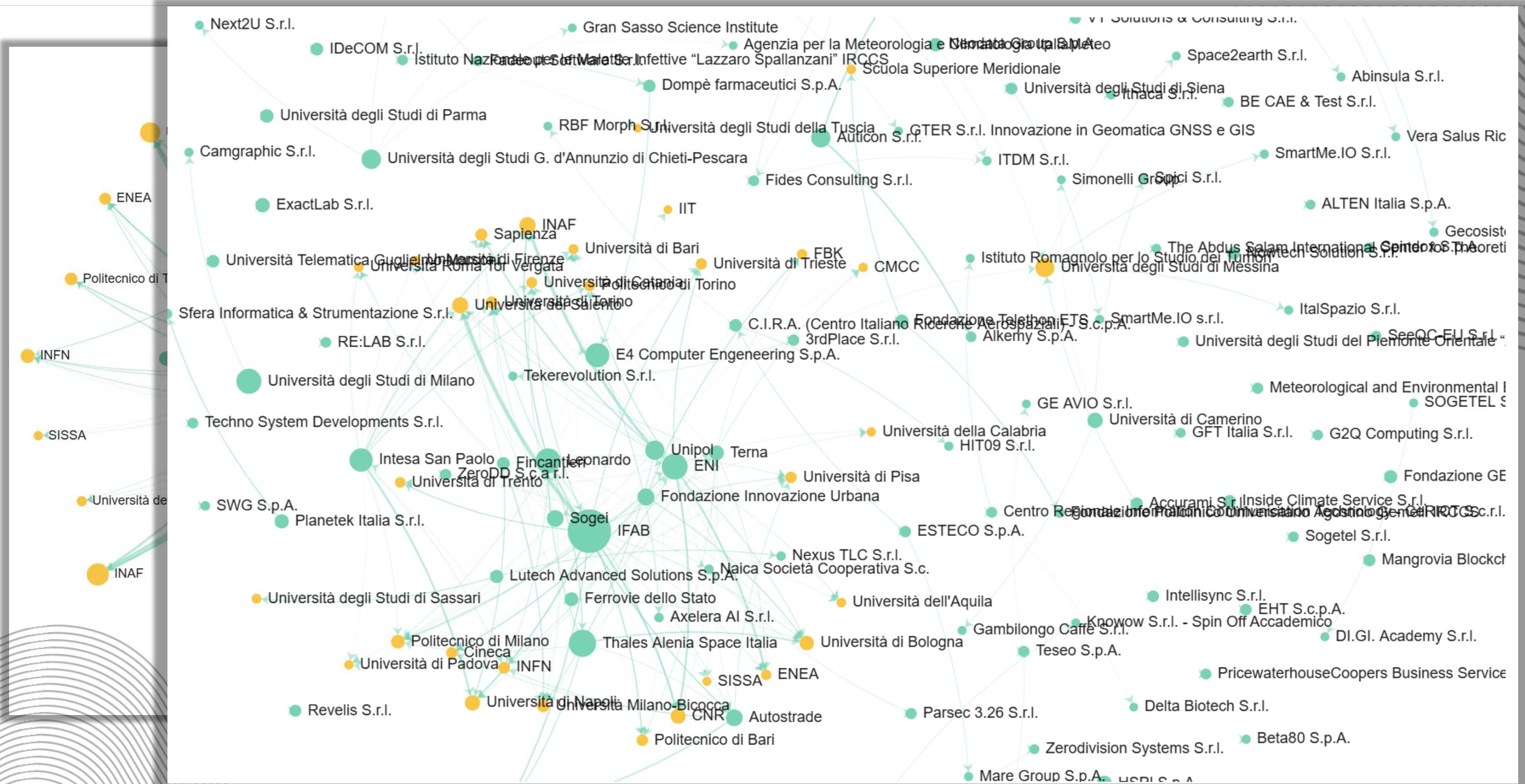
# GenderHack

Gender Gap in Italia

Dicembre 2025

contest, aimed at proposals based on **data** the gender digital

<https://github.io/GenderHack/>



Enhance competitiveness

Preserve Fundamental rights

The **European Union** is committed and determined to be a global leader in Artificial Intelligence, a **leading AI continent**. This Communication outlines a set of bold actions to achieve that goal. AI has just begun to be adopted in the key sectors of our economy, helping to tackle some of the most pressing challenges of our times.

While the full impact of this transformational shift is still unfolding, Europe must act with ambition, speed and foresight to shape the future of AI in a way that enhances **competitiveness**, safeguards and advances our **democratic values** and protects our **cultural diversity**.

A **trustworthy and human centric AI** is both pivotal for economic growth and crucial for preserving the **fundamental rights and principles** that underpin our societies. Swift policy action is our highest priority.





<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/ai-continent-action-plan>


<https://eusair-project.eu/>



# IT4LIA AI Factory: Solutions for Business, Research, and Society

-  IT4LIA targets **public and private entities** interested in developing innovative projects based on Artificial Intelligence
-  **Comprehensive suite of services**, including no-cost access for eligible startups, SMEs, public administrations, and academic institutions, as well as tailored offerings for other innovation actors

<https://it4lia-aifactory.eu/>:  Complete the IT4LIA AI Factory questionnaire: <https://it4lia-aifactory.eu/about-it4lia/share-your-priorities/>

-  A **full training program** is provided, featuring structured courses, practical hackathons, and internship opportunities

**ITALIA**  
AI FACTORY



# BBMRI-ERIC AND THE ICSC SIGN A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO FOSTER COLLABORATION



Bologna, February 20 – Today, it has been confirmed that ICSC – Italian Research Center on HPC, Big Data and Quantum Computing has been officially selected as a National Node of the European Open Science Cloud



<https://elixir-italy.org/>

<https://eosc.eu/building-the-eosc-federation/eosc-node-italy>

## MCVAL USE CASE PARTICIPANTS AND ROLES

Participants

- MMCI/MU
- ICSC/INFN
- MUG
- BBMRI-ERIC

Roles

- AI researcher
- Secure compute node
- Sensitive data provider
- AI validation service provider

150TB

	Cases	Slides
Prostatectomies (1984-2008)	5525	104335
Prostatectomies (2009-2014)	794	28.786
Biopsy (2009-2014)	331	11.193

### Galaxy Workflow Running in....

Participants

- EOSC Node Poland
- EOSC Node SURF The Netherlands
- EOSC Node Germany
- EOSC Node Slovakia
- EOSC Node Italy

GJR Galaxy Job Radar

ver. 0.02 UNDER DEVELOPMENT

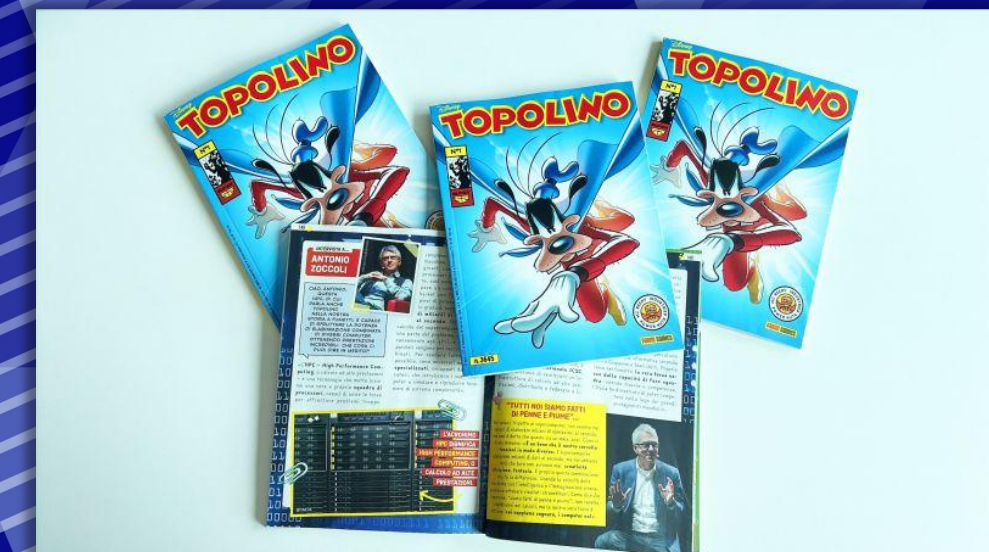
This application provides visualization of computations through European Galaxy instances.

Legend: Failed Jobs (red), Running Jobs (green), Queued Jobs (yellow)

source: github.com/CESNET/gjr



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# Thanks for your attention

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