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European Commission awards Capgemini Invent with 3-year contract to build the European Support Center for Data Sharing

The new contract leverages Capgemini Invent's expertise in the field of Insights and Data to drive innovation across Europe

Paris, May 7, 2019 – Capgemini Invent, the digital innovation, consulting and transformation part of the Capgemini Group, today announced that the European Commission has awarded it a three-year contract to set up the European Support Center for Data Sharing (SCDS), and provide related research and consulting services. Capgemini Invent will lead the three-year engagement coordinating a number of partners and subcontractors.

The launch of the European Support Center for Data Sharing extends the European Commission's ongoing efforts in providing the Member States' public and private sectors with core components supporting the European data infrastructure.

The SCDS will offer four key pillars:

- **A data sharing practice observatory** - for collecting existing experience in data sharing and developing original research on legal and technical aspects of data sharing
- **A helpdesk and feedback service** - for supporting practitioners while capturing the richness of their experience in the field, and offering it back to the community
- **Communication activities** - to develop public awareness around the opportunities arising from sharing data, and the tools and services available to achieve the desired economic and societal benefits
- **A web site** – for making all of the above available to the public.

The ultimate goal of the European Support Center for Data Sharing is to leverage this four-pillar approach to facilitate data transactions and data analytics in Europe by collecting, developing and disseminating tools and technical expertise, and by providing practical support.

"Data sharing is a crucial driver for enabling future innovations by businesses, and for improving evidence-based policy-making by governments. The EU's support center for data sharing will be an important initiative in enabling this potential across Europe," says Dinand Tinholt, European Institutions Lead at Capgemini Invent.

In 2014 Capgemini also created for the European Commission - and has been operating since - the European Data Portal (EDP), a website that provides access to public data resources across Europe, while supporting the Member States' national data teams and policy makers in publishing more and better quality data.

About The European Support Center for Data Sharing
Shared data refers to situations in which public sector data, or data held by private companies, is made available to other organizations (public sector bodies or private companies) for use and re-use, whether in exchange for payment (or other reward) or not. The European Support Center for Data Sharing collects existing experience in data sharing and develops original research exploring the space. It supports practitioners, while capturing their experience to offer it back to the community. It develops awareness around the opportunities arising from sharing data and the tools and services available to achieve economic and societal benefits.

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