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PaaSAGE and OW2 announce platform availability on the AppHub marketplace

Brussels, Belgium – June 5th, 2015 – *PaaSAGE*, a large scale European research initiative for developing an open and integrated platform to support model based lifecycle management of Cloud applications for software and service providers and *OW2*, the Open Source community for infrastructure software, today announce a strategic partnership.

This partnership will open up access to the *PaaSAGE* platform through the *AppHub* European Open Source Market Place and accelerate the building of a wide community around the *PaaSAGE* technology.

Launched in October 2012, *PaaSAGE* is a research project carried out by 19 European partners, and led by ERCIM, the European Research Consortium in Informatics and Mathematics. The *PaaSAGE* technology and the *AppHub* market place will be showcased at the major ICT event organised by the European Commission in Lisbon, Portugal, in October 2015 (ICT 2015, Innovate, Connect, Transform, @ICT2015eu).

As of today, Cloud solutions are still insufficient and in particular require from developers, operators and providers a high level of expertise to properly exploit the capabilities offered by Cloud technologies. Cloud infrastructures are not standardised and porting an existing application to a Cloud platform is still a very challenging task, leading to strong dependencies between the client application and the Cloud platform. *Developing once and deploying on many Clouds* is what the *PaaSAGE* platform enables.

PaaSAGE is an integrated open source *platform* to support both design and deployment of Cloud applications, together with an accompanying *methodology* that allows model-based development, configuration, optimisation and deployment of existing and new applications *independently of the existing underlying Cloud infrastructures*. The first version of *PaaSAGE* will be easily deployable from *AppHub*, the European Open Source Market Place, as soon as it is progressively published during the second half of 2015.

“We are delighted to partner with OW2 in order to provide *PaaSAGE* with the widest audience and community in Europe and beyond. This will help us to maximise the impact of our investment in the *PaaSAGE* platform”, said Geir Horn, from University of Oslo, Technical Coordinator of the *PaaSAGE* platform.

“We are proud that *PaaSAGE* selected OW2 and *AppHub* as their community and dissemination platform” says OW2 CEO Cédric Thomas, “*PaaSAGE* is a ground-breaking project that takes us as close as possible to the promise of a unified open cloud computing market,” he adds.

PaaSAGE software source code is now hosted on the OW2 community forge.

About PaaSage

PaaSage is a collaborative research project co-funded under the ICT theme of the 7th framework programme (FP7) of the European Union. The total investment amounts €9.5m of which €7.3m is funded by the European Union over 4 years.

More information www.paasage.eu.

About AppHub

AppHub is the European Open Source Market Place that provides a neutral distribution channel for trustworthy software developed by EU-supported projects and open source SMEs in general. It has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation programme under grant agreement No 645096. Apphub project partners are Fraunhofer Fokus (Germany), UShareSoft (France) and OW2 (France).

More information: www.apphub.eu.com.

About OW2

OW2 is an independent industry community dedicated to developing open source code infrastructure (middleware and generic applications) and to fostering a vibrant community and business ecosystem. The OW2 Consortium hosts some one hundred technology projects, including ASM, Bonita, CLIF, CompatibleOne, DocDoku, Emerginov, erOCCL, JOnAS, JORAM, Lutece, Nanoko, OpenCloudware, OpenPaas, ProActive, SpagoBI, Talend Studio, WebLab, XLcloud, XWiki.

More information: www.ow2.org.

About ERCIM GEIE

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