

Lyon, November 25, 2008 - CETIC (Centre of Excellence in Information and Communication Technologies, Belgium) was just approved by the French Ministry for Research as an organisation carrying out R&D activities for the account of private companies. CETIC is therefore recognised in France as an expert in driving R&D projects. French businesses working with CETIC can then benefit from research tax credits (50% of R&D expenses per year, up to €100M for the first year).

This recognition resulted in the signature of a collaboration contract between CETIC and KALISTICK, French company based in Lyon. KALISTICK has developed the 'Quality Cockpit', a web platform functioning in SaaS mode driving Java and C# projects' quality.

KALISTICK contacted CETIC to benefit from its expertise in code analysis. CETIC has actually been developing a prototype platform called D-Side Dashboard which integrates several dashboards to enable the evaluation of an application's quality level.

This CETIC expertise is recognised by industrials with experience in indicators of code quality. This definitely convinced KALISTICK to integrate into its solution the indicators developed by CETIC.

KALISTICK is then going to subcontract to CETIC the development of new indicators of code quality with the aim of providing businesses with more and more visibility in terms of quality and maintenance of their software. With this 'Quality Cockpit', KALISTICK is offering a platform helping determining a project's quality objective, attributing accurate indicator and providing dashboards which immediately detect errors to be corrected accordingly.

Thanks to the KALISTICK 'Cockpit', applications' quality is no longer unidentified but on the contrary it becomes a given data which businesses can control in order to reduce costs related to developments, tests and maintenance and to result in applications evolving according to their needs.

CETIC will also use the 'Quality Cockpit' to drive projects in software engineering and in code audit as well as helping Belgian businesses using this application.

About CETIC

CETIC is a research centre specialised in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). Leading research projects, often at an international level, CETIC is developing a proven expertise in the new information technologies and brings real innovative support to growing businesses in this field. CETIC helps businesses with fast integration of ICT in their products, services and processes, acting as an expert in software engineering, systems engineering, software technologies and embedded systems.

CETIC was created in 2001 on the initiative of the Polytechnic Faculty of Mons (FPMs), the Namur University Faculties Notre-Dame de la Paix (FUNDP) and of the Catholic University of Louvain (UCL).

Based at the centre of the Walloon Region, next to the Brussels South Charleroi airport, CETIC is composed of 30 qualified engineers and is internationally highly recognised through its participation to European framework programmes in R&D.

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