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Short description	This deliverable repeats every 4 months and presents regular updates about the outcomes of the open call of the connectivity fund.
NOTE	Because the first call has not yet been closed, there is nothing new to report at this point. Future iterations of this deliverable will contain the first outcomes.

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Useful links

Hosted website for the connectivity fund:

<https://tailor-eu.github.io/connectivity-fund/>

First matchmaking event page:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xMzhduq1FdUFps04m6jKDvQIbpfdlR2wJd1WYHH5lrE/edit>

Current status

The TAILOR network already includes many of Europe's top AI labs. However, we also want to reach out to the many other excellent labs and organizations across Europe to work together and create new breakthroughs in AI. The Connectivity Fund is a key instrument in this mission. To establish a truly vibrant network, the Connectivity Fund provides funding to AI researchers from across Europe for research visits or workshops that bring together researchers from TAILOR labs and non-TAILOR labs. It especially aims to support young researchers to gain valuable experience and nurture the next generation of AI researchers. The goals, scope, organization, scientific evaluation board, and third party funding specifications have been described in deliverable 10.1 and have remained unchanged.

This series of deliverables (D10.2) provides updates on the status of the connectivity fund every 4 months. It will detail the number of submissions, the evaluation process, and the outcomes, funded visits and workshops, and financial status of the connectivity fund will be reported in a transparent way. At this point, however, there is nothing to report, yet. The first deadline is set on the 15th of March, 2021, and the first notifications will be sent out on the 15th of April, 2021. In the next iteration of this deliverable, the outcomes of this first iteration will be reported in detail. Any alterations to the connectivity fund based on this first experience will also be reported at that time.

To further improve the dissemination and general awareness of the connectivity fund, we have organized a matchmaking event, held on February 23rd, which was disseminated to all TAILOR network partners and network members. 37 labs from all over Europe have registered for this event. To help people find interesting partners to visit, we used a recommender system developed in WP9 that recommends who people should talk to at the event based on their publication record, and we emailed these recommendations personally to each participant.

The event was organized virtually on gather.town so that each lab could contribute a poster and people could 'walk around' with their avatar to talk to the people they were most interested in. This is illustrated in figure 1.



Figure 1: TAILOR Connectivity Fund matchmaking event. The visitors control an avatar that can walk to a poster to see it in detail and talk to the poster presenters.

In total, 124 people participated in the event, from 19 countries, split 50-50 between TAILOR labs and network partners (see breakdowns in Figure 2 en 3), and 31 labs presented a poster.

Count of Type of lab.

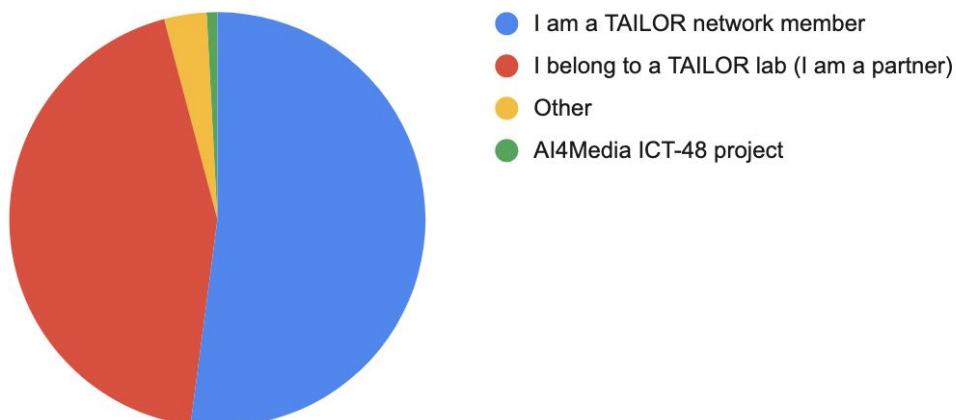


Figure 2: Breakdown of TAILOR partner vs network members.

Count of Country

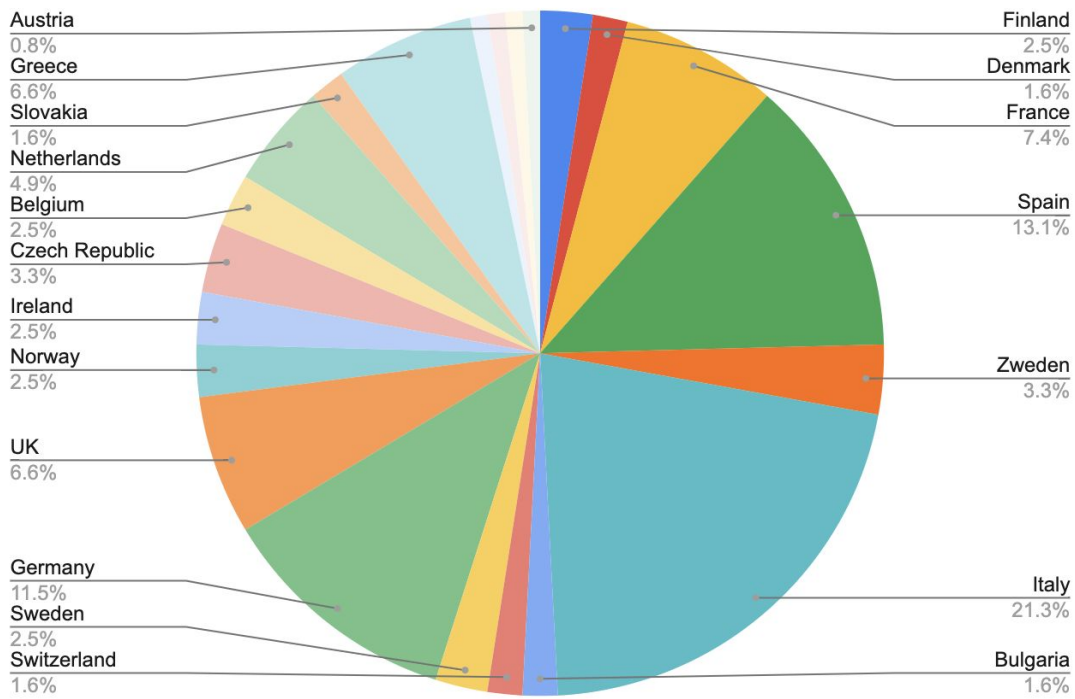


Figure 3: Breakdown of the countries of the participating labs.