Consorzio Interuniversitario Nazionale per l’Informatica

CINI (National Interuniversity Consortium for Informatics) is the main point of reference for the national academic research activities in the fields of Computer Science and Information Technology in nowadays in Italy.

Established in 6.12.1989, CINI is under the supervision of the competent Italian Ministry for University and Research. It includes public universities, only. According to its bylaws, it is an in–house subject w.r.t. its founders, participants and legitimately customers.

CINI is not aimed at making a profit and can’t distribute it.

The Consortium is submitted to the Quality Evaluation of Research by ANVUR (The Italian National Agency for the Evaluation of the University System and Research).

The Consortium includes 36 public Italian universities:

- Polytechnics of Milan and Turin
- Special Schools: St. Anna Pisa, IMT Lucca

1,300+ Teachers involved of both Computer Science (Italian SSD INF/01) and Computer Engineering (SSD ING-INF/05).

The Consortium promotes and coordinates scientific activities of research and technological transfer, both basic and applicative, in the field of Computer Science and Computer Engineering, in conjunction with the national scientific communities.

CINI supports:

- The collaboration between the partners and Universities, Institutes of higher education, research institutions, industries, Public Administration;
• The access and the participation in projects and scientific activities of research and technology transfer.

In all activities CINI ensures:
• the highest quality at the national (and, where necessary, international) level by relying on various academic excellences;
• the critical mass necessary to achieve the concerted objectives;
• the geographical distribution throughout the national territory.

CINI is currently committed to the realization of the Plan of 2013-2015 three-year Mandate, with a view to "Create added value to the Partner Universities, the Industry, the Public Administration and the overall country, thank to its important role at the national level, being the representative of almost all of the Italian academic informatics community".

CINI is currently equipped with several Labs, and in particular:
• 6 thematic network-structured Labs, distributed throughout the whole country:
  o Adaptive Software
  o AsTech: Assistive Technologies
  o Big Data
  o CFC: ICT Skills - Training – Certification
  o Cyber Security
  o Infolife: Formal Methods and Algorithmics for Life Sciences
• 1 Lab at the University Federico II in Naples
• 3 joint Labs between CINI and private companies (“Laboratori pubblico/privati in Aree obiettivo”)

At the international level, CINI participates in the activities of the European Forum for ICST (EFICST), Informatics Europe (IE), the Artemis JTI and the Networked European Software and Services Initiative (NESSI).

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