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INTRODUCTION

This document summarises the outcomes of the NGI Assure 1st Open Call which closed on the 1st of February 2021. It contains the details regarding the proposals received and the final list of selected applicants for funding.

NGI Assure 1st Open Call Outcome

Project **acronym**: NGI Assure

Project **grant agreement number**: 957073

Project **full name**: NGI Assure (NGI Research Goes To Standardisation)¹

Project NGI Assure, co-funded from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement No 957073, launched its 1st open call for recipients of financial support.

Call information

The call closed on the 1st of February 2021.

The call was published on project website (URL <https://www.assure.ngi.eu/>) and on the Horizon 2020

Participants Portal (URL <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/competitive-calls>) on the 1st of December 2020.

Full call details were published at: <https://ngi-assure-1st-opencall.fundingbox.com/> and

<https://nlnet.nl/propose/>

The following channels were also used to promote the call:

<https://twitter.com/NGIassure>

<https://www.linkedin.com/company/71418598/>

Number of NGI Assure proposals received and selected for financial support

The evaluation and selection has been completed. All proposers have been informed about the evaluation results for their proposal for financial support.

A total of 71 proposals were received for this call, originating from 21 countries: Austria (2 proposals, 3%), Belgium (3 proposals, 4%), Canada (5 proposals, 7%), Switzerland (5 proposals, 7%), Germany (15 proposals, 21%), Estonia (7 proposals, 10%), Spain (3 proposals, 4%), Finland (1 proposal, 1%), France (3 proposals, 4%), United Kingdom (6 proposals, 8%), Croatia (1 proposal, 1%), Italy (3 proposals, 4%), Japan (4 proposals, 6%),

¹ The name of the project is changed officially from "NGI Research Goes to Standardization" to "NGI Assure" starting from January 2021.

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Lithuania (1 proposal, 1%), Namibia (1 proposal, 1%), the Netherlands (3 proposals, 4%), Poland (2 proposals, 3%), Portugal (1 proposal, 1%), Romania (1 proposal, 1%), Sweden (2 proposals, 3%), and United States (2 proposals, 3%).

The total amount requested was € 2 871 464. The average amount requested was € 40 443.

65 Eligible proposals

13 finalists were selected for funding for a total amount of 474 610 EUR.

Entity	Project Name	Country	Challenge Addressed	Funding Awarded
T.F... (Individual)	GNUnet Messenger API	Germany	API for decentralized instant messaging using CADET	8 000 EUR
FH Campus Wien / Competence Center for IT Security (University)	Adopting the Noise Key Exchange in Tox	Austria	Improved security of Tox instant messaging with NoiseIK	19 000 EUR
m-Id.io Ltd (SME)	Securing Shared Decentralised Live Information with m-Id	United Kingdom	Collaborative editing of Linked Data based on CRDT	47 010 EUR
GNUnet e.V. (Association)	GNUnet	Germany	Formalisation within IETF of R5N Distributed Hash Table design	50 000 EUR
Software Heritage Foundation (Foundation)	Peer-to-Peer Access to Our Software Heritage	France	Access Software Heritage data via IPFS DHT	19 600 EUR
J.D... (Collective)	The Libre-SOC Gigabit Router	Belgium	Native Open Hardware chip implementation of crypto primitives	50 000 EUR
K.J... (Individual)	Yrs	Germany	Collaborative editing with CRDT written in Rust	35 000 EUR
F.F... (Individual)	Layer-2-Overlay	Germany	Generalising the GNUnet Layer-2 Overlay for broader usage	50 000 EUR
M."... W... (Individual)	libresilient	Poland	Create robust web presence with service workers and DHT	10 000 EUR

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Sequoia PGP (Foundation)	Improving OpenSSH's Authentication and PKI through OpenPGP	Germany	Improving SSH Authentication with OpenPGP transitive trust	44 000 EUR
W.K... (Individual)	Adding TPM Support to Sequoia PGP	Poland	Implement use of TPM 2.0 crypto hardware for OpenPGP	42 000 EUR
Tweag IO (SME)	Trustix	France	Make build logs available as publicly verifiable, tamper-proof Merkle trees	50 000 EUR
Anapaya Systems (SME)	TrustING	Switzerland	Ultrafast AS-level Public-Key Infrastructure	50 000 EUR