



BONSAPPS

AI-as-a Service for the Deep Edge

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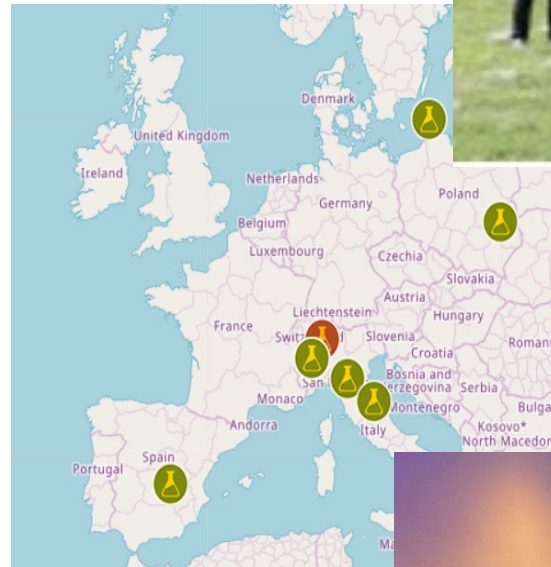
Summary

BonsAPPS aims at developing a fully functional (TRL-8), **scalable** AI-as-a-Service layer (**AI-aaS**) that will interoperate with the **AI-On-Demand Platform** as an external service. The service layer enhances an existing AI platform (Bonseyes AI Marketplace - **BMP**) to cover experimentation, benchmarking, deployment and secure licensing of AI solutions at the Deep Edge.

BonsAPPs Consortium



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Embracing AI is challenging

- Mismatch between what AI scientists propose and end user needs (**#lack of user-centered AI research**)
- End users fail to put their needs in AI solutions (**#lack of basic AI capabilities by end users**)
- AI Talents struggle to monetize their skills (**#lack of business models**)
- The majority of AI tooling is vendor-specific (**#vendor lock-in**)
- Industrial security (data privacy) is a major concern for AI Solutions (**#secure computing and #data privacy**)
- Integration of AI is a high cost barrier for SMEs (**#costly investments and #limited scalability**)
- Impact potential of AI experimentation is limited by the low proportion of tech-based companies within the market (**#limited verticalized AI in low tech sectors**)

BonsAPPS
Vendor-agnostic,
modular Edge@AI
services helping join
up Research and
Industry

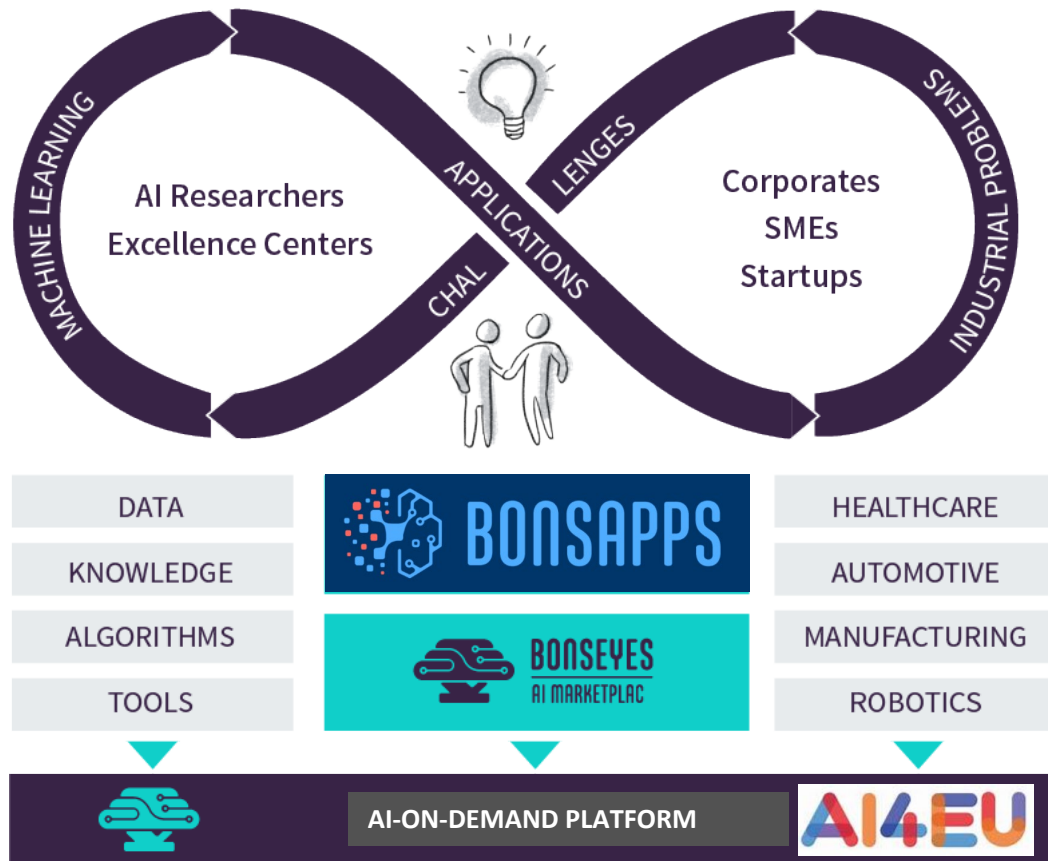
The Context: Europe AI Strategy

- Bonseyes emanates from an EC-funded project (H2020 2018-20 Grant agreement, 8.5m Euros)
- BonsAPPs is the logical continuation of this effort and is also an EC-funded project (H2020 2020-22 Grant agreement, 5m euros)
- Both contribute a broader initiative to build the European AI-on-Demand platform, with total cumulative investment of >60m Euros



Bonseyes AI Marketplace

AI-as-a-Service for the Deep Edge



A Marketplace With A Service Layer for the Deep Edge

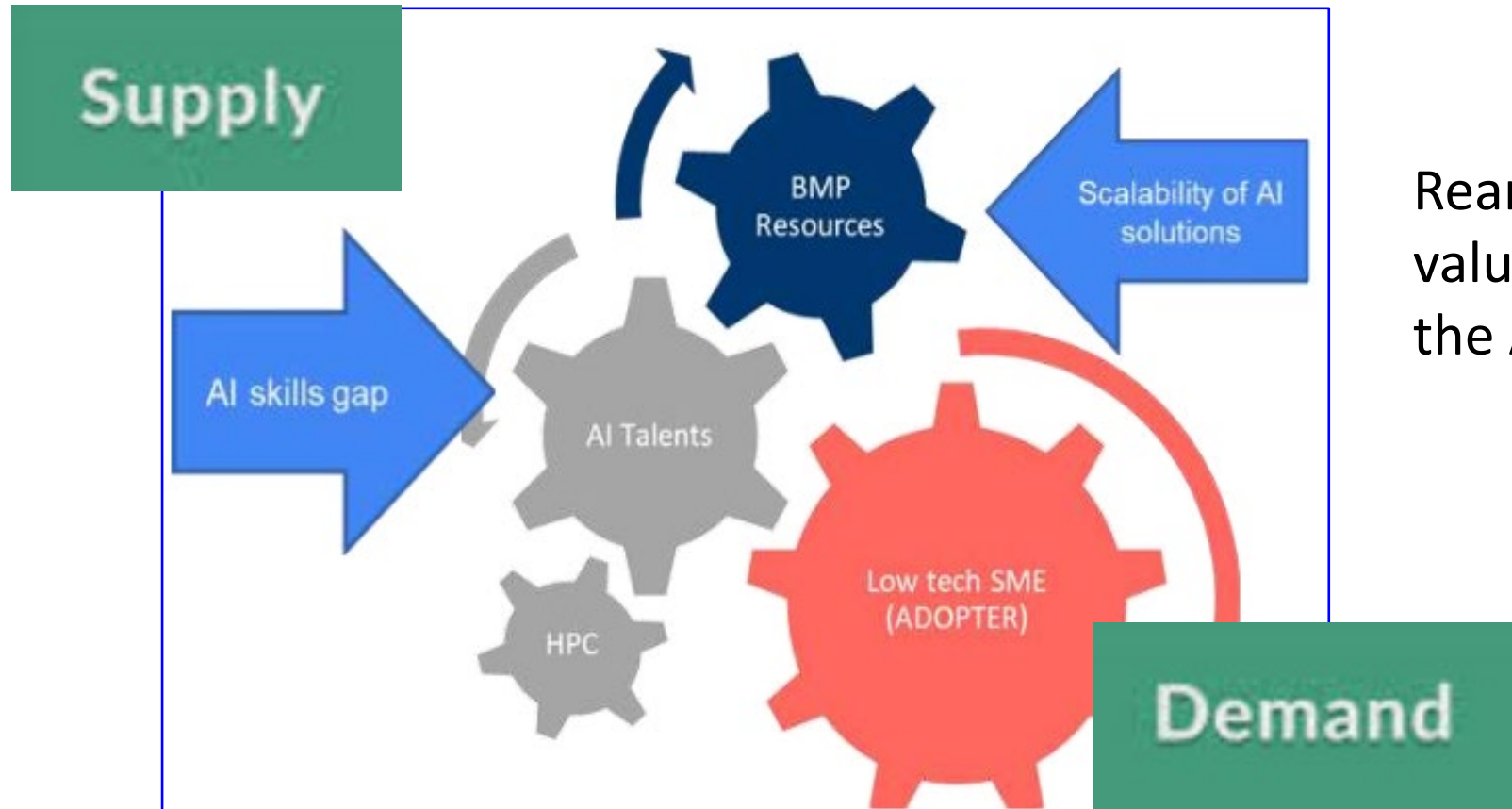
Originating from EU H2020 project (2018-2020), Bonseyes is a secure, distributed marketplace that offers a range of **vendor-agnostic, modular services (BonsAPPs)**:

- ✓ **Experimentation**
- ✓ **Model compression and optimization**
- ✓ **Benchmarking**
- ✓ **Deployment on hardware**
- ✓ **Security & licensing**

Bonseyes AI Marketplace increases AI usage by enterprises and SMEs which lacks internal innovation capabilities by providing tools to build **end-to-end, containerized, ready-to-integrate and re-usable solutions**

Building A Peer-to-Peer Platform

Bringing Together On A Platform AI Talents, AI Resources and SMEs



Rearrange & distribute value capture along the AI supply chain !

What Are The Services

Modular Services For SMEs On An Automated Delivery

BonsAPPS Modular services for SMEs

BonsAPPS does this by offering a series of modular services—such as experimentation, model compression, optimisation, benchmarking, and deployment on hardware and security—that will increase AI usage among enterprises and SMEs which currently lack internal innovation capabilities.



EXPERIMENTATION

- Challenge Definition
- AI Asset Deployment
- Infrastructure Sandbox



DATA

- Data Collection
- Data Annotation
- Dataset Creation



BENCHMARKING

- Definition and Metrics
- SoA Analysis
- Resource Analysis



OPTIMIZATION

- Model Compression
- Model Pruning
- Model Quantization



DEPLOYMENT

- Interface Definition
- Algorithm Development
- Platform Configuration

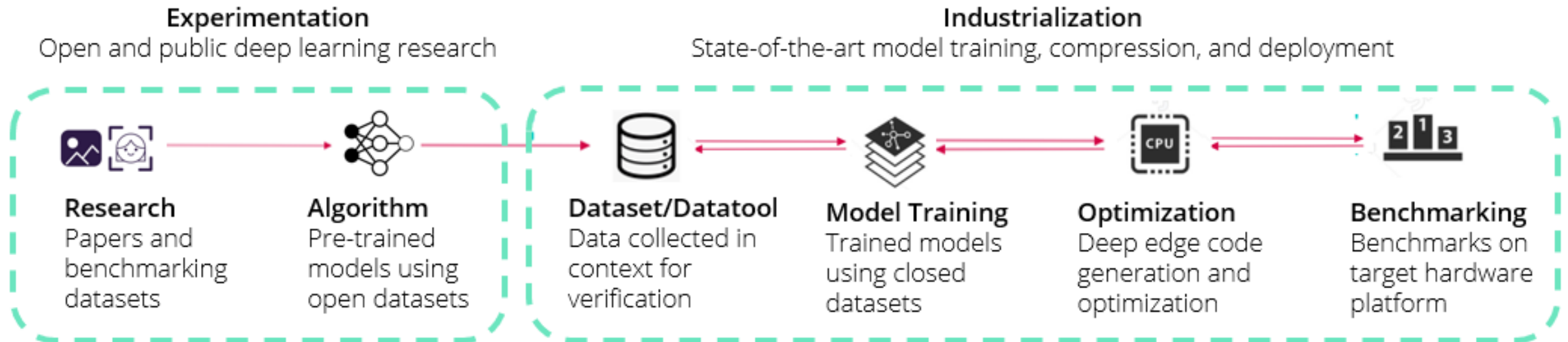


SECURITY

- Adversarial Robustness
- Model Verification
- Model Explainability

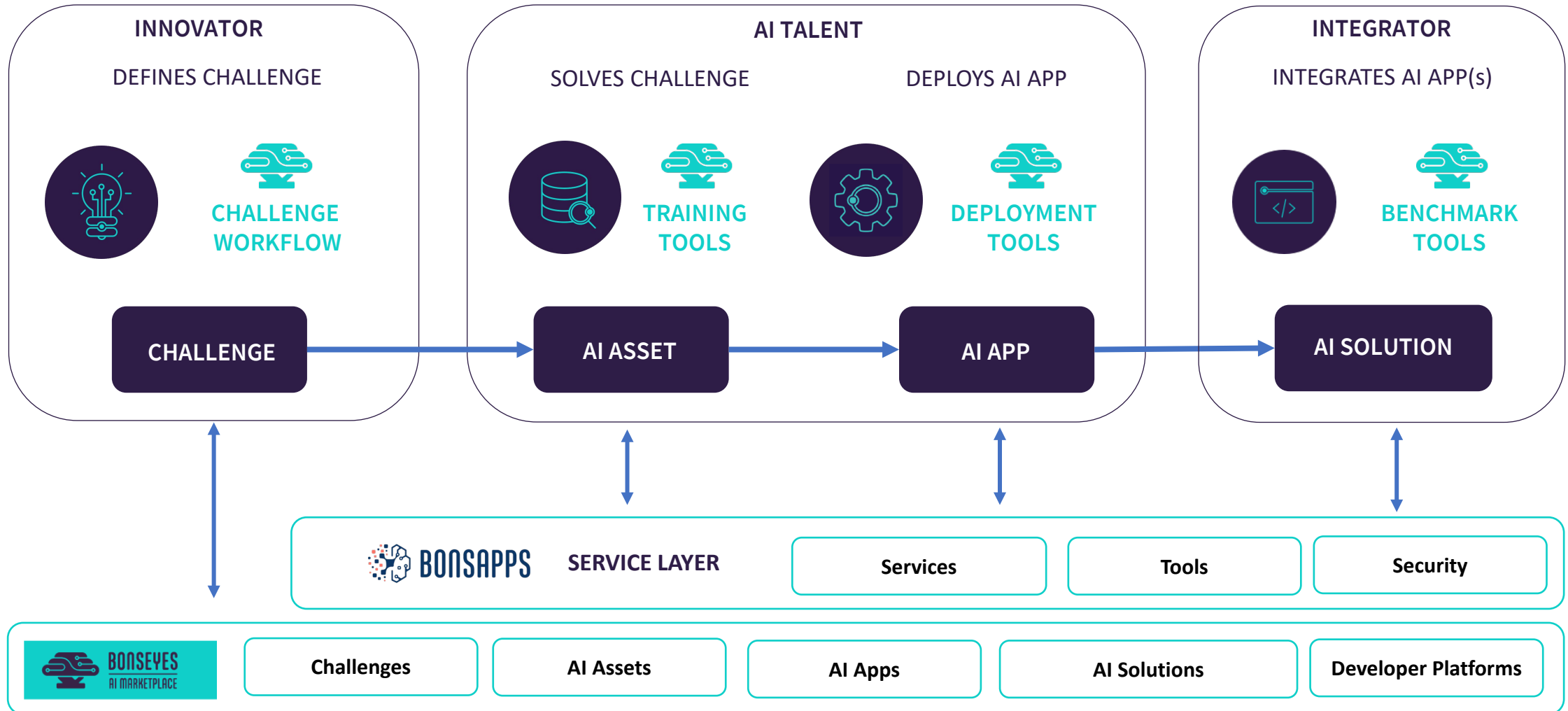
BonsAPPS Solution

Automated and standardized workflows for lower production cost of AI Apps



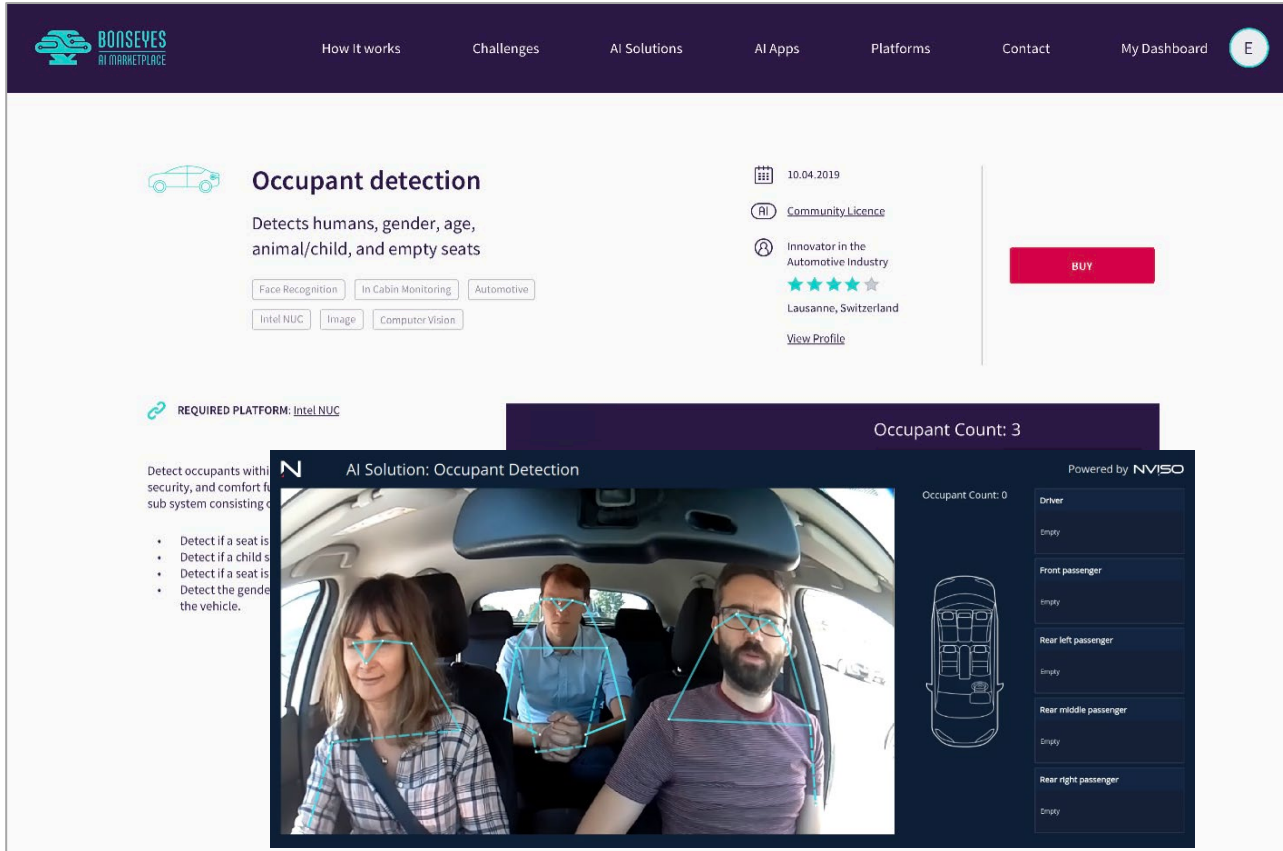
BonsAPPs - Unique Value Proposition

Collaborative Development | AI Value Chain



Enabling Startups, SMEs, and Industry with AI Solutions

Automotive Example



BONSAPPS AI MARKETPLACE

How it works Challenges AI Solutions AI Apps Platforms Contact My Dashboard

Occupant detection

Detects humans, gender, age, animal/child, and empty seats

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REQUIRED PLATFORM: Intel NUC

Occupant Count: 3

AI Solution: Occupant Detection

Powered by NVISO

Occupant Count: 0

Driver: Empty

Front passenger: Empty

Rear left passenger: Empty

Rear middle passenger: Empty

Rear right passenger: Empty

Detect occupants within the vehicle for safety, security, and comfort functions. Fully autonomous sub-system consisting of the following AI Applications:

- Detect if a seat is occupied by a human
- Detect if a child seat is present in the car
- Detect if a seat is empty
- Detect the gender and age of passengers inside the vehicle.



TITLE ,TAGS

OWNER, LICENCES, DATE

TARGET PLATFORM

DESCRIPTION

SCHEMA

SPECS

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SCHEMA

UI TOOL: Config

INPUT DATA: Camera, Video File, API

NVISO ICC LIBRARIES: Configuration Logic, Occupant Detection Algorithm, Scheduler (Realtime / Offline)

AI APPLICATIONS: Face, Gender, Age, Child, Empty, Animal

PLATFORM: OS, Hardware

STORAGE: UI Overlay, API

SPECS

Input

USB Full HD webcams or Fish-eye MP4 videos of occupants within vehicle in color (RGB) or white-red (B&W) format.

AI Solution

Occupant detection

Platform

SOFTWARE: Linux Yocto

HARDWARE: Intel NUC

Output

Visual overlay via HDMI or data outputs via API

BonsAPPs – Validation with Community (FSTP)

Two Open calls:

	Use Case Owner	Industry Challenge	AI@Edge Apps & Solutions
Round 1 (supply activation)	AI Talent (AI supplier)	Predefined by end users before Use Case Owner is selected	Developed by Use Case Owner
Round 2 (demand activation)	Non-tech SME (end user)	Defined by Use Case Owner with the support of a subcontracted Digital Transformation Agent	Developed by AI Talents contracted by Use Case Owner

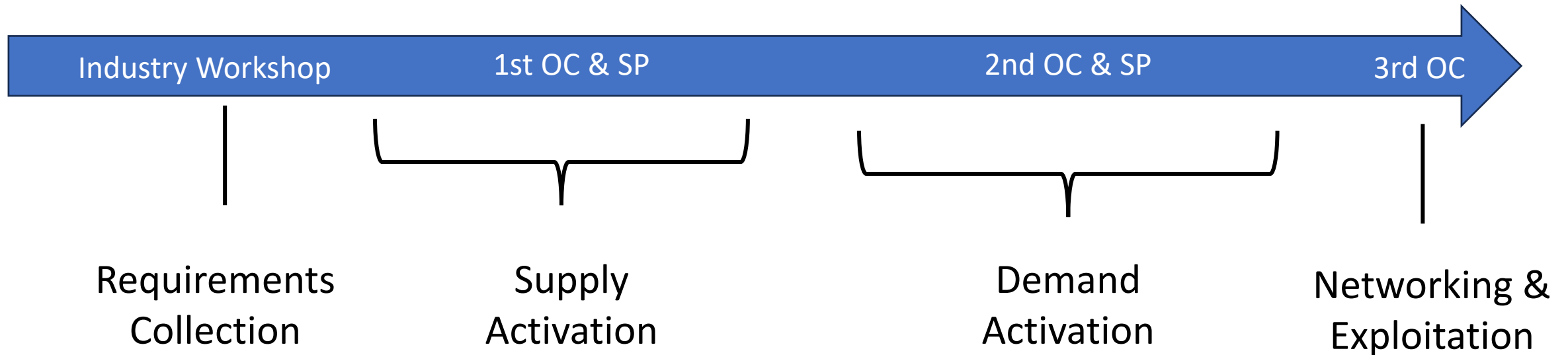
→ ✓ M12
✓ 30 AI talents

→ ✓ M24
✓ 10 end-users

- ✓ Selection Committee
- ✓ Sub Grant Agreements

BonsAPPs – Timeline

2021				2022				2023			
Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4



BonsAPPs - OCs Results

Amazing numbers!

- 20 Industrial AI Challenges on the Edge have been tackled.
- 50 teams have been involved in solving those AI Challenges (2M € Budget).
- Over 60 datasets were analysed and described.
- More than 50 unique structured, containerised and reusable datatools created.
- 20 AI Assets workflows (training to deployment) completed.
- 100+ AI Models have been trained and optimised by AI Talents to solve the AI Challenge.
- 300+ AI Applications have been deployed on various HW platforms with different inference engines.
- Great increase of Bonseyes platform's maturity and know-how 😊

Exploitation & Sustainability Objectives

From Experimentation to Industrialisation of AI

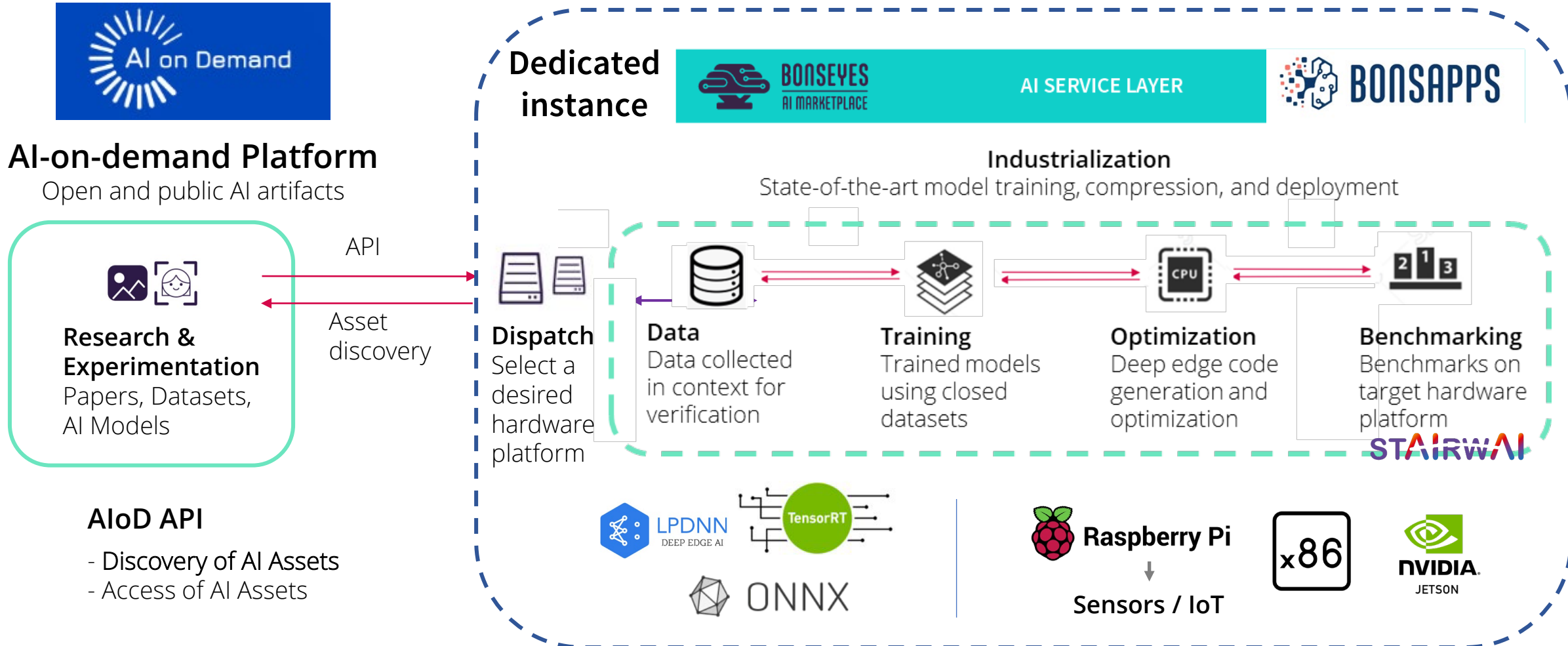
- ✓ Making the **BonsAPPs services, tools, as well as its user support framework** available for commercial exploitation by SMEs and enterprises on the existing Bonseyes AI Marketplace
- ✓ Developing a 'go-to-market' plan for attracting industry into Edge AI by offering value added services and defining a **longer-term commercialization path** where users can get remunerated for their skills and pay for AI solutions
- ✓ **Validate the BonsAPPs workflows, tools, services** and business model with the two rounds of Open Calls during the project life, actively involving AI talents and SMEs
- ✓ Promote the **efficient re-use of new AI resources** generated by the project (AI Assets, Applications and Solutions) and further results from AI Talents and end users involved in their creation, under a preset licencing framework
- ✓ Ensuring **integration and alignment** between the BonsAPPs exploitation model in Bonseyes AI Marketplace (BMP) and the future **AI-on-Demand platform**.

Accessing From AloD

Monetizing BonsAPPs Services

BonsAPPs AI-as-a-Service Modules

Developing Apps & Measuring model performance on a target hardware platform





Thank you!

QUESTIONS ?



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