

## Press Release

# Sparkle and Atos sign partnership to answer growing demand for Cloud services and solutions

*Three-year agreement kicks-off with initiative to accelerate digital transformation of the European research and education sector*

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[Sparkle](#), the first international service provider in Italy and among the top global operators, and [Atos](#), a global leader in digital transformation, today announce a three-year agreement to address the growing demand from clients in European and other adjacent countries for cloud services and solutions. The partnership aims to develop business opportunities endorsing the global presence and the specific competence area of each company.

Sparkle and Atos' collaboration kicks off with the **Open Clouds for Research Environments (OCRE)**, an initiative that aims to accelerate the digitalization of European universities and research centers and the adoption of cloud systems, in which Sparkle is an official cloud framework provider and Google Cloud integrator in 27 European countries. As part of the agreement, Atos will support Sparkle in providing professional, consulting and system integration services to the research and education community in France, Belgium, United Kingdom, Ireland, Germany, Turkey, and Portugal with other countries to be added soon.

Beyond OCRE, Atos and Sparkle will also work together on public and private projects, leveraging their synergies in fixed, 5G, IoT and security services. The two companies will also target the sport and event market – in which Atos has a long experience, as the Worldwide IT Partner of the International Olympic Committee – to build an end-to-end offering, from infrastructure management to supporting major events.

*"We are glad to partner with Atos. Putting together our expertise in cloud and digital services, we aim to further promote our offering which has already been successfully adopted by leading European universities and institutions, to the wider education and research community", said **Elisabetta Romano, CEO of Sparkle**. "This partnership will also strengthen our ability to provide digital services to customers across various industries and ultimately broaden our horizons".*

*"We are delighted to collaborate with Sparkle, and that our collaboration begins with a key project for education and research institutions in Europe. Digital transformation plays a central role in the overall economic and social development. In this context, Atos brings its cloud expertise to support private and public organizations to effectively manage the digital challenges of tomorrow", said **Jean-Claude Geha, Head of Telecommunications, Media and Technology at Atos**.*

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### About Sparkle

Sparkle is TIM Group's Global Operator, first international service provider in Italy and among the top worldwide, with a proprietary backbone of more than 600,000 km of fiber spanning from Europe to Africa, the Americas and Asia. Leveraging its global IP, Data, Cloud, Data Center, Mobile Data and Voice Platforms, Sparkle offers a full range of ICT solutions to Enterprises, Internet Service Providers, OTTs, Media and Content Players, Application Service Providers as well as Fixed and Mobile operators. Its sales force is active worldwide and distributed over 32 countries.

Find out more about Sparkle following its [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) profiles or visiting the website [tisparkle.com](https://www.tisparkle.com).

### About Atos

Atos is a global leader in digital transformation with 111,000 employees and annual revenue of c. € 11 billion. European number one in cybersecurity, cloud and high performance computing, the Group provides tailored end-to-end solutions for all industries in 71 countries. A pioneer in decarbonization services and products, Atos is committed to a secure and decarbonized digital for its clients. Atos is a SE (Societas Europaea), listed on Euronext Paris and included in the CAC 40 ESG and Next 20 Paris Stock indexes.

The purpose of Atos is to help design the future of the information space. Its expertise and services support the development of knowledge, education and research in a multicultural approach and contribute to the development of scientific and technological excellence. Across the world, the Group enables its customers and employees, and members of societies at large to live, work and develop sustainably, in a safe and secure information space.

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