

Nyonic Launches to Develop Generative AI for Europe

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Nyonic, a newly founded Berlin-based AI-company, announced today its mission to improve the world through the development and application of generative AI technology. The startup will create powerful foundation models for Europe that meet the demands and requirements of various industries, ethical and legal standards, and the needs of the European multilingual and multicultural society.

It is widely believed that generative AI is the biggest revolution since the invention of the computer and will radically transform our society and economy. Currently the majority (75 %) of foundation models are developed in the US. Nyonic aspires to give Europe a shot at becoming world leading in the field of AI by delivering cutting-edge foundation models that bring immense value to society and foster economic prosperity. With a strong emphasis on developing Large Language Models (LLMs) specifically tailored for Europe, the company strives to meet the evolving demands of diverse industries while upholding high ethical and legal standards. By championing the creation of these models within the European landscape, nyonic actively contributes to safeguarding the region's digital sovereignty and empowering its multilingual and multicultural society.

Nyonic was founded by a team of leading experts from across the German AI and technology landscape. The founders are Han Dong, Vanessa Cann, Dr. Johannes Otterbach, Dr. Feiyu Xu (joining in October 2023) and Prof. Dr. Hans Uszkoreit. With their diverse range of experience and expertise from organizations such as the Open AI, SAP, IBM, Lenovo, Palantir, Rocket Internet, the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence, Merantix and the German AI Association the team is uniquely positioned to develop trustworthy and high-powered foundation models for Europe.

Nyonic is grateful to these organisations for their encouragement and support.

"We are thrilled to see nyonic's commitment to developing innovative AI technology that meets the demands and requirements of our industries, ethical and legal standards, and the needs of the European multilingual and multicultural society. Their focus on creating powerful foundation models for Europe has the potential to revolutionize the field of AI and we look forward to collaborating with them to advance the state-of-the-art," says Prof. Dr. Antonio Krüger, CEO of the German Research Center for Artificial Intelligence (DFKI).

"Innovation requires collaboration across industries and a vibrant start-up ecosystem. While we are sad to see Dr. Feiyu Xu leave SAP, we wish her all the very best for her new chapter with nyonic," says Thomas Saueressig, member of the Executive Board of SAP SE for SAP Product Engineering.

"Foundation models are the basis of future AI-technology, and it is vital that Europe becomes digitally sovereign. AI-businesses play a pivotal role in moving Europe forward. We welcome nyonic as a new member of the German AI Association and look forward to collaborating with them to further advance the field of AI", says Jörg Bienert, President of the German AI Association.

Nyonic is currently raising private investment to realize its ambitious goals.

For more information on nyonic, please visit www.nyonic.ai.

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