

Search for a local Partner for a Bilateral R&D Project

Programme	ESITIP joint call for R&D proposals in ICT
Search launched by	Spanish company X Egyptian industrial partner Spanish academic partner (University/Tech. center)

Remember that the eligible consortium for ESITIP programme requires one Spanish company and one Egyptian industrial partner. Spanish academic institutions are welcome to participate as self-funded or subcontracted by the Spanish company if an agreement is achieved.

Organization (launching this search)	
Date of Request:	February 28, 2026
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SECTION 1: Description of the institution launching this search	
<i>(Please give brief / to the point explanations. For more explanation on any point below, you may add a short paragraph as an annexure, with this document.)</i>	
Business Sector	Cybersecurity & IT Consultation
Company mission or core functions	To ensure the security of companies and all their systems by protecting them against potential cyber attacks. Digital Fortress provides comprehensive cybersecurity training, consulting, services, and innovative security products worldwide.
Date of establishment	2016
Ownership (if public and traded, add stock exchange and ticker symbol)	Private company (not publicly traded)
Total number of employees	15+
Number of employees in R&D	8+
Key products sold or services provided	ImpersonaGuard (AI-Driven Impersonation Defense platform), CS365 Security Platform (White-label

	Wazuh SIEM/threat detection), Old School (Gamified cybersecurity training platform), DigitalFortress Academy (Cybersecurity training & certification platform with PECB, CompTIA, and IBM partnerships). Core services include penetration testing, security assessment, compliance & GRC (ISO 27001, PDPL, HIPAA, NCA), digital forensics & incident response, managed security (24/7 SOC, SIEM), and red team operations.
Company core technical competences	Penetration testing (web, network, mobile, cloud), SIEM engineering & SOC operations, AI-driven threat detection & deep learning security analytics, digital forensics & incident response (DFIR), threat hunting, compliance auditing (ISO 27001, HIPAA, NCA, PDPL), red/blue team operations, security platform development (SaaS), cybersecurity training & curriculum development.
Key R&D programs and activities	AI-powered impersonation defense (ImpersonaGuard), integrated SIEM/SOAR/threat intelligence platform development (CS365 with Wazuh, Shuffle SOAR, MISP), gamified cybersecurity education platform (Old School), advanced threat hunting methodologies, and cybersecurity awareness training programs for enterprises and educational institutions.
Examples of accomplishments	UK Ministry of Defense Thank You Coin, U.S. Department of State (7 vulnerabilities reported), NASA (multiple vulnerabilities reported), CERT-EU Official Hall of Fame, United Nations bug bounty acknowledgment, Hall of Fame recognition from SAP, Bosch, Huawei, and Oracle, collaboration with University of Cambridge. Official partnerships with PECB, CompTIA, IBM, Huawei, AWS, and INE. 100+ completed projects across governments and enterprises.
Company strategic orientation	Digital Fortress is strategically focused on expanding its international presence in cybersecurity services and AI-driven security solutions. The company aims to develop innovative SaaS security platforms, strengthen partnerships with global technology leaders, and grow its cybersecurity education and certification programs across the MENA region and beyond, including the European market through collaborative R&D partnerships.

SECTION 2: Partner of Interest

(Please provide a brief summary of the prospective partner company or organization. This summary may address some or all of the points below)

Profile of ideal technology partner	A Spanish technology company with expertise in AI/ML, software development, or cybersecurity. Ideally with experience in developing SaaS platforms, threat intelligence solutions, or security automation tools. The partner should have a strong R&D team and interest in co-developing innovative cybersecurity products for the European and MENA markets.
Core technological competencies and expertise	AI/Machine Learning for cybersecurity applications, software engineering and SaaS platform development, threat intelligence and security analytics, SIEM/SOAR integration, cloud security architecture, or cybersecurity training technology development.
Other essential qualifications (e.g.: ownership, track records etc.)	Established Spanish company with proven track record in ICT/cybersecurity projects. Experience with EU-funded or international R&D collaboration programs is preferred. The partner should have an active R&D department and willingness to co-invest in joint product development.
If you have a list of companies with whom you are in contact or interested in contacting, please provide contact details	Open to connecting with suitable Spanish companies through the ESITIP programme network.
Other details or important information	Digital Fortress brings deep domain expertise in cybersecurity operations, AI-driven threat detection, and established platforms (ImpersonaGuard, CS365) that can serve as a foundation for joint R&D. We have an active R&D team of 8+ specialists ready to collaborate.
Interested areas of collaboration	Cybersecurity, AI-driven security solutions, threat intelligence platforms, SIEM/SOAR automation, cybersecurity education technology, cloud security, and digital transformation security.
Specific R&D contribution sought	Joint development of AI-powered cybersecurity tools, enhancement of threat intelligence capabilities, development of next-generation SIEM/SOAR solutions, creation of advanced cybersecurity training simulations, or collaborative research in emerging security technologies (e.g., AI for threat hunting, automated incident response).

SECTION 3: Additional information about the possible collaboration

(Please feel free to share any information you want about the possible project/s in which you would like to collaborate with an institution in the other country. I.e: possible projects, main objectives, technological area, TRL to be achieved)

Digital Fortress is seeking a Spanish technology partner to collaborate on an innovative R&D project in the field of AI-driven cybersecurity. Potential project areas include: (1) Development of an advanced AI-powered threat hunting and automated incident response platform combining Digital Fortress's operational cybersecurity expertise with the Spanish partner's AI/ML capabilities; (2) Creation of a next-generation integrated security platform leveraging our existing CS365 and ImpersonaGuard products with enhanced European-market features; (3) Joint development of immersive cybersecurity training environments using gamification and simulation technologies. Digital Fortress has the infrastructure, domain expertise, and operational platforms ready to serve as the foundation for collaborative R&D. We are committed to co-funding the Egyptian side of the project through ITIDA and are flexible regarding project scope and timeline (1-2 years as per ESITIP guidelines).

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