



Nippon Gases Contributes to Ethical AI with Continued Support for ELLIS Alicante

The company reinforces its commitment to ethics and digitalisation by supporting research and innovation of Artificial Intelligence in Europe.

Alicante, 10th of April, 2025. – Nippon Gases, the European division of Nippon Sanso Holdings Corporation, a global leader in industrial and medical gases, is committed to fostering a future where Artificial Intelligence (AI) is developed and applied ethically, ensuring a positive impact on both industry and society.

As part of this vision, the company maintains its support to the ELLIS Alicante Foundation by funding research and innovation in the field of responsible Artificial Intelligence for a positive social impact in Europe.

The ELLIS Alicante Foundation is part of the ELLIS (European Laboratory for Learning & Intelligent Systems) network. This network works on the research and development of AI, focusing on fundamental science, technical innovation and societal impact.

This financial contribution, made for the second consecutive year, aligns with Nippon Gases' broader digitalization strategy and its investment in cutting-edge technologies that adhere to ethical principles. By supporting initiatives like ELLIS Alicante, Nippon Gases actively contributes to shaping AI advancements that prioritise sustainability, transparency, and social well-being. This donation reassures Nippon Gases' commitment to sustainable development of the European industrial sector, through companies' and society's digital transformation.

The agreement was ratified at the Hotel Urso in Madrid, where Raoul Giudici, Nippon Gases' President, and Dr. Nuria Oliver, co-founder and Scientific Director at ELLIS Alicante, signed the agreement between the company and the foundation. The event was also attended by NSHD Global CIO, César Callejo, Nippon Gases' Communications Director, José Luis Chesa and ELLIS Alicante's head of operations, Rebeca de Miguel.

Raoul Giudici expressed the company's support of the foundation: «*By renewing our commitment to the ELLIS Alicante Foundation, we continue to support the development of Artificial Intelligence in Europe, ensuring the safe advancement of digitalization within our industry and in alignment with our values,*» said Raoul. «*We firmly believe that Artificial Intelligence is a crucial tool for creating new business opportunities from an egalitarian perspective. Therefore, we are delighted to support the ELLIS Alicante Foundation once again, as they play a vital role in fostering the European Artificial Intelligence ecosystem and attracting and retaining talent in this field.*»



Nuria Oliver thanked the company on behalf of the foundation, acknowledging the important role of the private sector in driving innovation: *«We are delighted and deeply grateful to Nippon Gases for their continued support of our research on responsible and ethical AI for social good. Their commitment, now in its second consecutive year, plays a vital role in enabling our work and reflects their firm commitment to advancing AI for a more sustainable, responsible and inclusive world. Nippon Gases has been an exceptional partner, and we are proud and tremendously grateful to continue this important journey together.»*

César Callejo also highlighted the important work the foundation carries in the field of ethical and responsible AI: *«The progress and effort that ELLIS Alicante Foundation is doing in relation with developing an ethical, responsible and trusted IA, is something that all companies will benefit from, and is fully in line with Nippon Gases's ethical principles.»*

This contribution will support various projects within the foundation that focus on research and develop Artificial Intelligence further. By supporting responsible AI development, Nippon Gases continues to drive innovation with integrity, reinforcing its vision for enabling a sustainable and digital future.

About ELLIS Alicante | www.ellisalicante.org/ia

ELLIS Alicante is a non-for-profit private research foundation focused on **ethical and responsible Artificial Intelligence (IA)** for social good. Hence, it is also known as the **Institute of Humanity-centric AI**. ELLIS Alicante aims to be an international reference in **AI research by and for people**, by focusing on three areas of fundamental research in the intersection between humans and AI: 1) **AI that understands us**; 2) **AI that interacts with us**; 3) **AI that we trust**.

ELLIS Alicante is part of the European network of excellence in Artificial Intelligence ELLIS (European Laboratory for Learning and Intelligent Systems - www.ellis.eu), being the only ELLIS unit dedicated exclusively to this area. ELLIS Alicante is the only ELLIS unit created from scratch, with the spirit of a scientific startup.

ELLIS Alicante was launched thanks to the vision, commitment, and generous financial support of the Generalitat Valenciana. It is also funded by other public and private institutions, including the Banc Sabadell Foundation, Balearia Foundation, Intel Corporation and Nippon Gases. The Foundation's work has won major awards including the 500k XPRIZE Pandemic Response Challenge by Cognizant (2021) and the Social Innovation Award (2022).

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