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## The success story continues - Hessen extends CASED support until 2014

The LOEWE center for IT security in Darmstadt is among the winners of the second phase of the excellence program

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Darmstadt, 27 June 2011. **The State of Hessen is extending its support of the LOEWE Center for Advanced Security Research Darmstadt (CASED) until 2014. The Hessian Ministry of Higher Education, Research and the Arts confirmed that the research center for IT security will receive a further 13.4 million euros over the next three years. Experts and politicians have therefore corroborated the immense success of CASED, which is currently one of the largest research centers for IT security in Europe with around 170 scientists from a wide range of disciplines.**

CASED was found two years ago by the TU Darmstadt, the Fraunhofer SIT and the Darmstadt University of Applied Science, and since then these key institutions have achieved and even exceeded the original targets that were set: among other things, six new professorships have been created, a master's degree course in IT security has been introduced, a graduate school with more than 100 doctoral students has been set up, and numerous important relationships to international research centers have been established. Connections to the business sector have also been strengthened, thanks to cooperation agreements with companies such as Software AG, Micromata GmbH and usd AG and many more.

According to the Director of CASED, Prof. Johannes Buchmann from the TU Darmstadt, focus will remain on scientific excellence and networking with partners: "In order to further strengthen the links between the various CASED departments and support dialog with potential cooperation partners and users, CASED will be introducing cross-sectional areas to deal with socially and economically relevant subjects during the second phase of support: "data protection and privacy on the Internet", "security of the critical Internet infrastructure" and "usability of security solutions". "The previous success of CASED has been achieved thanks to the outstanding performance of all involved and the excellent cooperation, which includes our supporters as well," said Buchmann. "My thanks go out to all of them." Their dedication has made CASED what it is today – a place of outstanding research"

The proven excellence of the Darmstadt-based research facility has also proven to be beneficial during calls for tenders throughout Germany. For

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example, with the support and participation of CASED, the “Software Cluster” become one of the top clusters of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) in Southwest Germany. And one year after that, the BMBF decided to establish the European Center for Security and Privacy by Design (EC-SPRIDE) in Darmstadt as one of three competence centers for IT security within Germany.

In addition to increasing its personnel and extending its outstanding research, CASED intends to use the new funding to transfer knowledge. In relation hereto, the Fraunhofer Institute for Secure Information Technology will be strengthening its participation and extending the industry-oriented subject structures within the research center in future. “CASED has completed a great deal of groundwork over the past two years, which businesses and the economy can now start benefiting from more strongly. This not only applies to the securing of cloud computing and mobile systems, but also the protection of data and services on the Internet of Things”, explained Prof. Michael Waidner, Vice Director of CASED.

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