CLOUD FORWARD 2016: the proceedings

Hosted at the centrally-located Circulo de Bellas Artes in Madrid from **18 to 20 October 2016**, Cloud Forward 2016 Conference brought together **researchers** and **specialists from academia and industry**, **European R&I projects**, **SMEs**, **startups** and **post-graduate students** to present and discuss innovative technologies in the area of **distributed computing** as well as new **technologies beyond CLOUDs**, ranging from architectures over methodologies to new applications and services. The conference focused both on research and development efforts in the domain of CLOUDs, and in future scenarios and technologies that exploit CLOUD computing as a utility, such as **Internet of Things**. Integral to the conference, the work of the clusters of experts and EC projects working on ?beyond current CLOUD' topics has been presented.

In addition to the scientific programme, CF2016 hosted an event dedicated to SMEs to investigate innovative technologies, promote business ideas and foster current game-changers arising on the market. The event, organised by Hola Cloud, AppHub, CloudWATCH2 and SLA-Ready, featured innovation and marketing oriented **workshops**, dedicated informative and **training sessions** carried out by experts from the research and the industry sectors, interactive live **demonstrations** of new services, technologies and R&D results, and **face to face meetings** amongst projects and SMEs, aimed at the development of new collaborations and R&D ideas.

Conference proceedings have been published by **Elsevier Science** in the open-access Procedia Computer Science and they are now available on the event webpage http://cf2016.holacloud.eu/