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### **e-shelter receives the 2019 German Excellence Award in the Cloud Services category**

Frankfurt, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 - e-shelter, a leading data center provider in Europe and a subsidiary of NTT Communications, has received the 2019 German Excellence Award in the category of Cloud Services. The award is given annually by a jury of top-class representatives from business, media and science. The sponsor and jury member was Wolfgang Clement, former Prime Minister of North Rhine-Westphalia. The jury was chaired by Heiner Bremer, a leading journalist and former politician.

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e-shelter was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> prize for its Innovation Lab, which was opened in July 2017 at its main location in Frankfurt. e-shelter plans to develop additional Innovation Labs in Berlin, Vienna, Munich and Zurich. The e-shelter innovation lab currently brings together more than 110 technology providers, system integrators, consulting firms and 40 start-ups in specially equipped rooms in e-shelter data centers.

Within the e-shelter innovation lab, interested companies are able to test IT architectures cost-effectively and validate innovations faster. In addition to numerous hybrid cloud scenarios, e-shelter also designs IoT, Blockchain and Distributed Ledger use cases that contribute and support proof-of-concepts. With its range of partners, number of use cases, area-wide expansion and local distribution, the e-shelter innovation lab is unrivaled in the DACH region.

"We at e-shelter are very proud of this award, which recognizes our commitment to the German economy," said Toan Nguyen, Director Business Development & Cloud Platform at e-shelter. "The advantages of our Innovation Lab are obvious: flexibility, low up-front costs and shorter time-to-market. In our Innovation Labs, proof-of-concept preparation and setup only takes a few days or weeks, while in a conventional environment, it can often take months. This gives us the platform to push the first ideas for a real business strategy."

More than 70 use cases are currently available at the e-shelter innovation lab. In addition, more than 6 million euros have been invested in hardware, software and working hours. The e-shelter innovation labs, as they continue to expand and grow into a global network, also have connectivity to all major hyperscalers, which is critical to validate real hybrid cloud solutions.

## **About e-shelter**

e-shelter is one of the leading data center operators in Europe, providing highly secure environments for housing and connectivity of IT and network systems. e-shelter leverages 300 MW of power capacity and 90,000 sqm of data center space to deliver scalable data center solutions to a wide range of customers. We operate ten data center locations within Germany, Switzerland, and Austria and are expanding beyond the DACH region. As a member of the NTT Communications Group of companies, e-shelter provides access to a global network of 140 data centers. Among e-shelter's clients are financial services companies, telecoms operators, public sector, IT service, as well as outsourcing and cloud service providers.

In addition to e-shelter, companies such as Arkadin, Dimension Data, itelligence, NTT Communications, NTT DATA and NTT Security are part of the NTT Group in Germany. In this region, the NTT Group represents around 5,300 employees and combined revenue of more than € 1.2 billion. You can find further information on the global NTT Group at [www.ntt-global.com](http://www.ntt-global.com).

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