



The BRIDGE Lab – Project Completion

DSI Infrastructures & Labs

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Project overview / Lay summary (for the DSI Website)

The BRIDGE Lab was founded in 2022 as one of the earlier UZH DSI Infrastructure/Labs. The vision was to create a structural vessel within UZH to help bridge the “Wisdom Gap” – the gap between the increasingly interconnected complexity of our problems and our inability to make sense of them.

To this end, the lab activities were revolved around the central question – how to enhance sensitivity to societal values when promoting innovation, such that new technologies can be responsibly integrated in society with positive public acceptance and sustainable societal impact. The lab aimed to, in the short run, support UZH scholars working on topics relevant to responsible innovation in advancing respective research and development goals; and in the long run, support the Canton of Zurich in defining favorable framework conditions for innovation, thereby enhancing its attractiveness and competitiveness as a unique location for responsible innovation.

In the past four years, the lab has become a well-recognized collaborative platform, and a reputable ecosystem player, within the innovation circle in the Greater Zurich Area. It has generated measurable outputs promoting value-based innovation, on the one hand, and supporting community and partnership building, on the other hand. Based on the multi-dimensional achievements acquired in the start-up phase over the past years, the lab has steadily gained maturity to be spun-off as an independent service provider – leveraging not only on the momentum of increasing societal needs for impact-driven innovation, but also a full-fledged spectrum of service portfolio as well as existing and future clients emerged from the lab activities.

Future

As of October 2026, for strategic reasons, The BRIDGE Lab will be affiliated with The UZH.ai Hub. This new establishment allows the lab to be moving forward to the next phase of growth – in particular, embracing the opportunities and challenges generated by AI and its societal implications. In the long run, the lab aims to become a university spin-off, continuously providing consulting services to the innovation community leveraging on existing resources, both within Switzerland and globally.

