About the L3S Research Center

L3S is a research center for basic and applied Web Science. L3S researchers develop innovative methods and technologies that enable intelligent and seamless access to information on the Web, link individuals and communities in all aspects of the knowledge society, and connect the Internet to the real world and its institutions. L3S is also focused on transferring its knowledge and technology to society and the economy.

Through cooperation and joint projects in the area of information retrieval, databases, semantic web, performance modeling, service computing and mobile networks, L3S has brought together numerous computer scientists with scientists from other disciplines, such as law, library science, linguistics, psychology, sociology and economics. L3S scientists cooperate in a variety of projects assigned to six research fields:

- **Intelligent Access to Information**
- **Next Generation Internet**
- **E-Science**
- **Web Governance**
- **Virtual Communities**
- **Cyber-Physical Systems**

The total research budget amounts to more than 6 million Euros per year. The long standing experience of L3S with support programs of the European Union has led to a number of collaborations with research institutes and companies across Europe. L3S is currently involved in 17 projects under the [HORIZON 2020](https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/horizon2020) program including the projects SoBigData, iBorderCtrl, AFEL, Carismand, Things2Do and Desir. Moreover, the L3S coordinates the projects Qualimaster and the infrastructure project e-IRSP5. The Starting Grant from the European Research Council (ERC) for UniQue and the ERC Advanced Grants Alexandria complete the project diversity.