

AI Factory user journey

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AI Factories timeframe

- ❑ 13 hosting consortia in place. Next cutoff for proposals in **May 2025**
- ❑ AIF from 1st cutoff launch in **April 2025**
(Sweden, Italy, Finland, Greece, Spain, Luxembourg, Germany)
- ❑ Existing supercomputers open for AIF access in **April 2025**
- ❑ New supercomputers to be launched **mid/end 2026**

First point of contact

Currently: EuroCC

- ❑ Knows the ecosystem and can forward to AIFs
- ❑ Has three focal points:
 - ❑ Classical HPC
 - ❑ High-Performance Data Analytics
 - ❑ AI on HPC
- ❑ 30+ EuroCC centres: eurocc-access.eu

AI Factories

Contact point in today's speaker countries:

- ❑ Austria: factory@advanced-computing.at
- ❑ Sweden: info@mimer-aifactory.eu
- ❑ Italy: superc@cineca.it

Starting April 2025

EuroHPC Joint Undertaking launches website with the overview and contact details of all AI Factories

EU access modes from April 2025

Existing EuroHPC systems

- ❑ Eligibility check by EuroHPC JU
- ❑ Focus on speed and ease of access (2 to 10 days)
- ❑ Three tracks:
 - ❑ Playground Access for small compute time allocations.
 - ❑ Fast Lane Access for < 50,000 GPU hours.
 - ❑ Large-Scale Access for > 50,000 GPU hours.

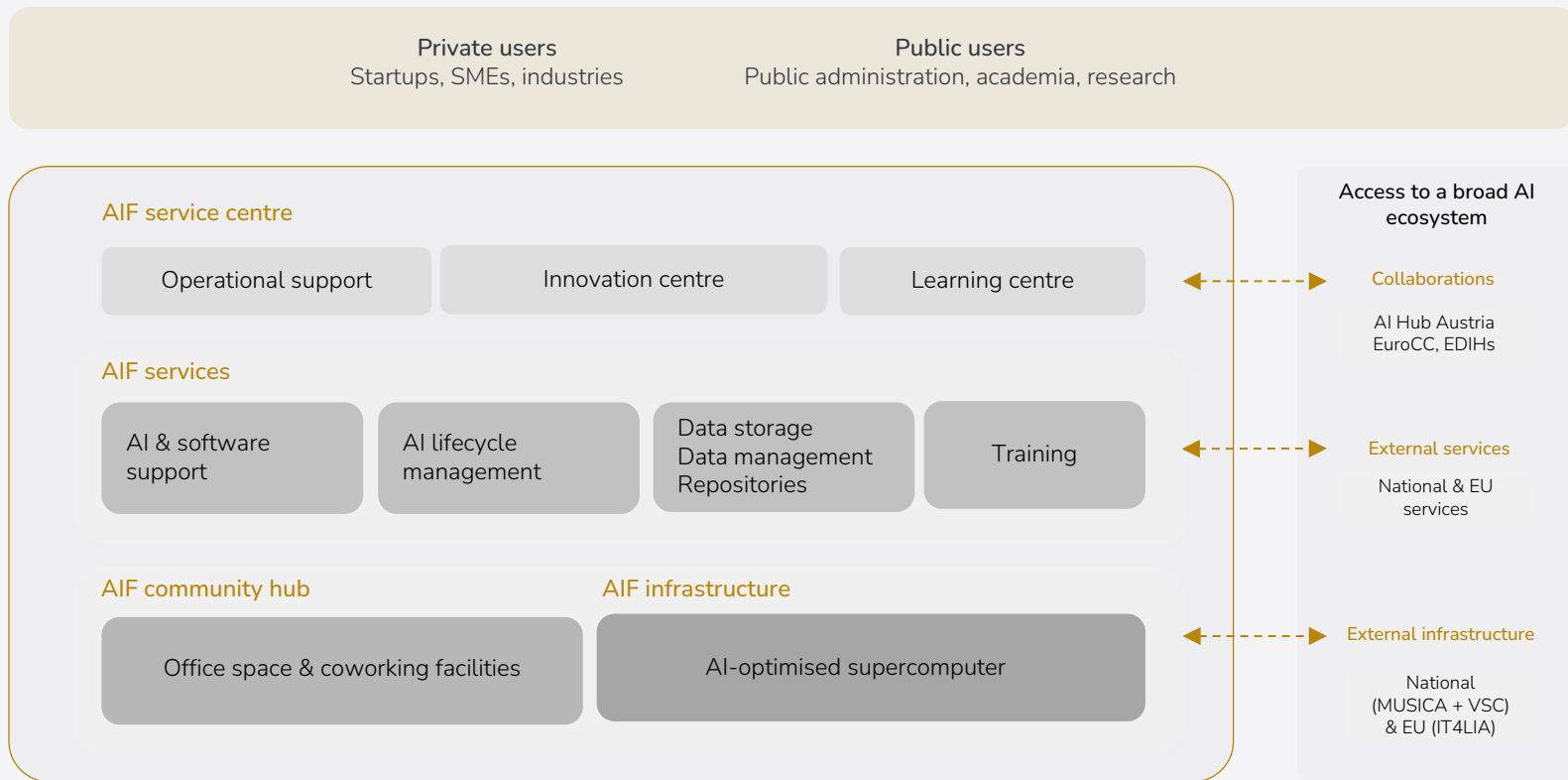
Upcoming supercomputers

- ❑ New systems launch mid/end 2026
- ❑ GPU-based systems, similar to booster partitions of existing EuroHPC systems or MUSICA (in Austria)

National access modes

- Eligibility criteria according to national funding agencies
- AI Factory Austria (AI:AT) access via existing application platform
<https://service.vsc.ac.at>

AI Factory services & ecosystem



User journey

AI-related problem

Eligibility and
feasibility check

Onboarding /
project

Outcome

Use cases:

- ❑ Train AI model
- ❑ Speedup training
- ❑ Hyperparameter scans

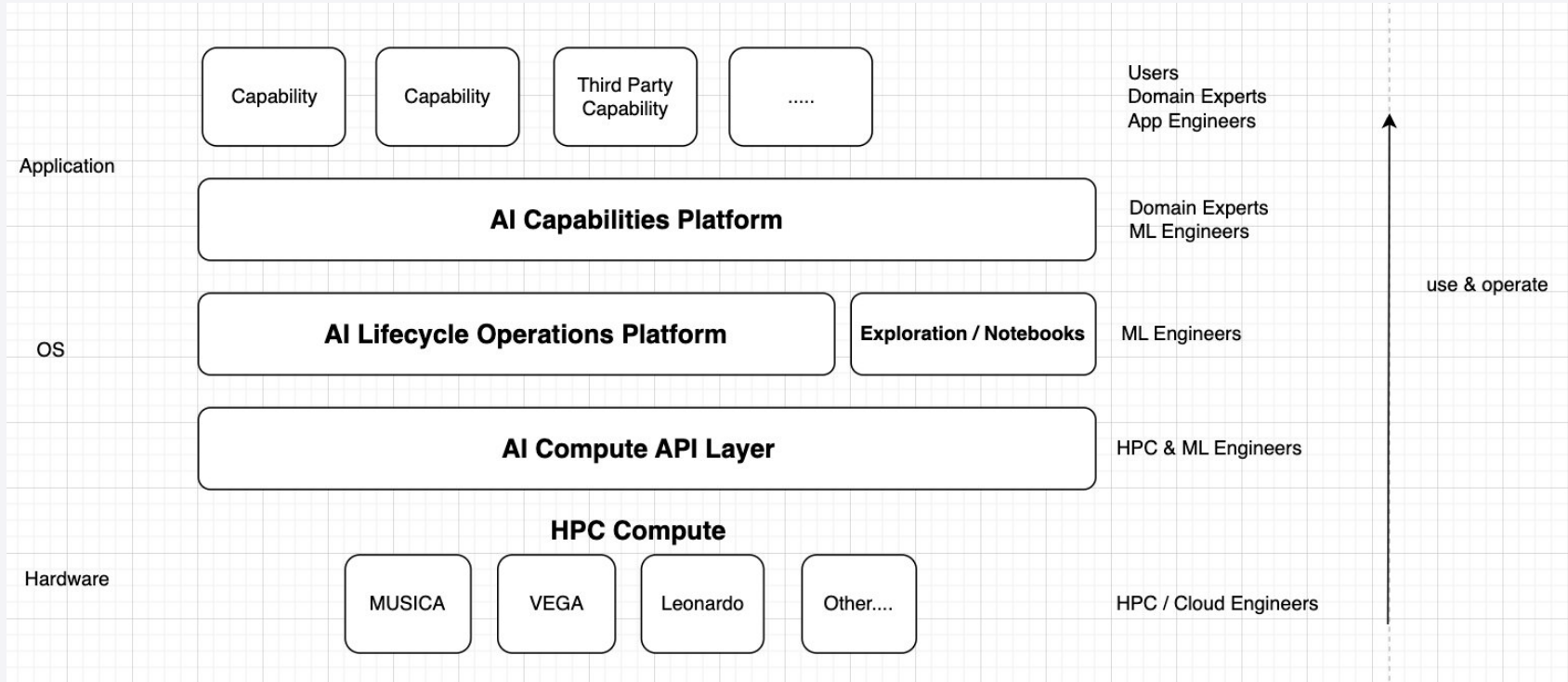
Needs:

- ❑ Access to hardware
- ❑ Software infrastructure
- ❑ High quality data sets

- ❑ Expert support
- ❑ Introduction to common workflows
- ❑ HPC / AI training
- ❑ HPC access
- ❑ Collaboration in European network

- ❑ Tremendous speedup of research and development
- ❑ Vast cost savings
- ❑ Strong HPC / AI skills

Access to hardware - software



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Europe

General AI Factory website will be launched in April 2025. See updates on EuroHPC Joint Undertaking online channels: eurohpc-ju.europa.eu

P.S.: We will be hiring soon!



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