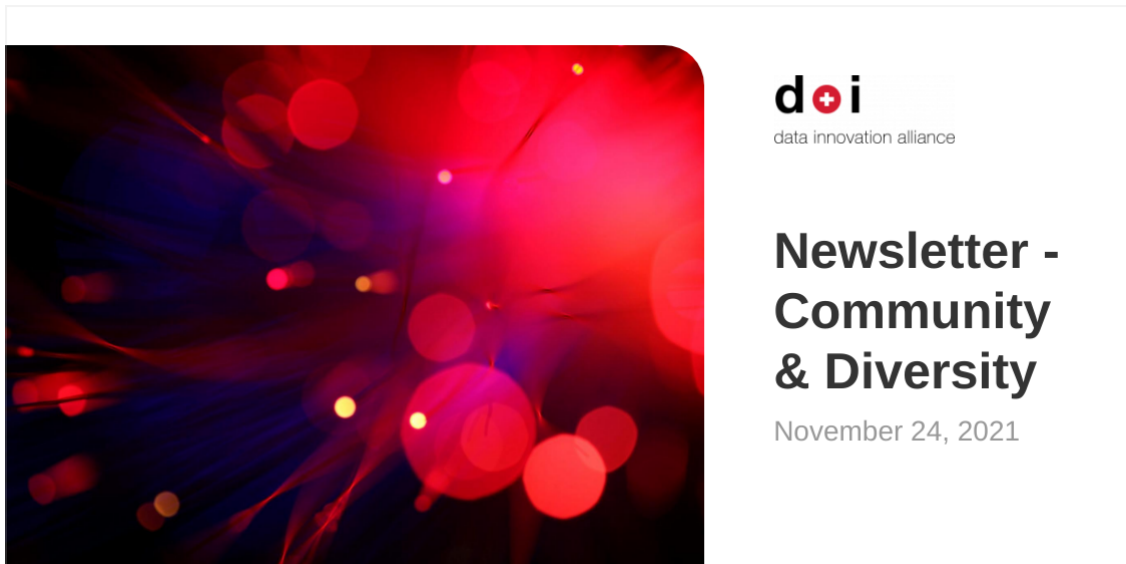# [data innovation alliance] Newsletter - Community & Diversity
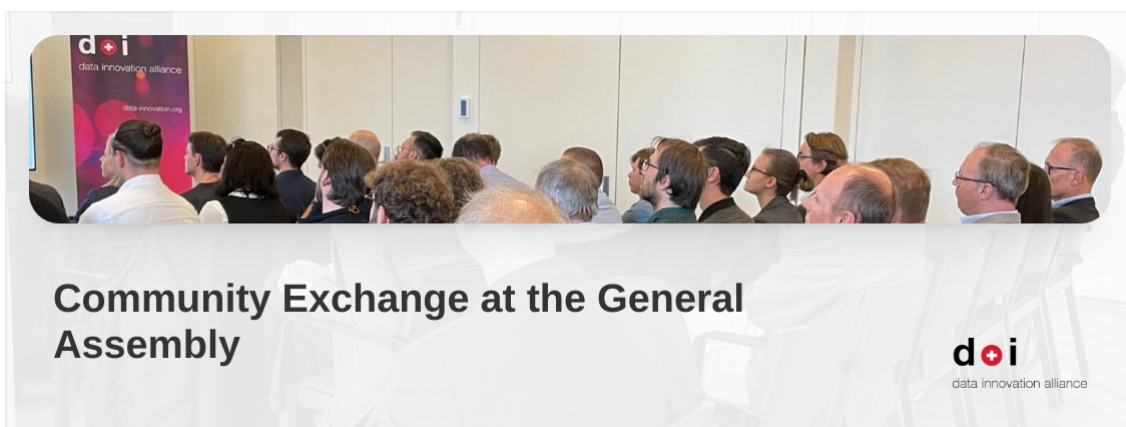
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Upcoming Events

- November 27 - 28, 2021: Sports Hackdays 2021, 8:30 am - 8:00 pm and 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, Lucerne
- December 02, 2021: NFT-Symposium, 3:00 pm - 5:30 pm, Winterthur
- December 15, 2021: Expert Group Meeting - Spatial Data, 4:15 pm - 6:45 pm, Zurich
- December 17, 2021: Expert Group Meeting - Digital Health, 4:00 pm - 5:45 pm, Zurich

Community Exchange at the General Assembly

33 representatives of the members of our alliance met at the General Assembly, an exciting member talk and an apero like in old times. Congratulations to the board members that were re-elected for another two years. After 2 years without a physical conference among members, a lot of old and new news had to be shared. Some members that joined during the pandemic had the chance to meet the community for

the first time in such a setting and for the others, it felt a bit like a class reunion. Read our blog post to get more information about the GA.

Upcoming Deadlines - SDS2022
SDS2022 will be held on June 22 - 23, 2022 at KKL Lucerne. The conference lives through your contributions. To present your inspiring work at the conference, check out the Calls for Participation (Submission Deadline: February 18, 2022). SDS2022 is technically co-sponsored by IEEE and accepted scientific papers will be submitted for inclusion into IEEE Xplore. We also invite the community to propose special thematic workshops and hands-on tutorials, further details can be found in the Call for Workshop Proposals (Application Deadline: December 06, 2021). We are looking forward to your submissions.

Diversity: Fully Exploit the Potential of Data Science
Just around 25% of the participants of the 8th Swiss Conference on Data Science are female. This aligns with the report from the World Economic Forum that claims that women make up only an estimated 26% of workers in data and AI roles globally. But why? And how can we change that?

We talked to Christian Hopp from BFH, who has addressed academic careers, gender, and diversity in his research, and Teresa Kubacka, who works as a freelance data scientist at Litix and is a member of a community "Women in Machine Learning and Data Science Zurich". Read the interview in our blog.