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Gaia-X Association

About

Gaia-X represents the next generation of data infrastructure: an open, transparent, and secure digital ecosystem, where data and services can be made available, collated, and shared in an environment of trust.
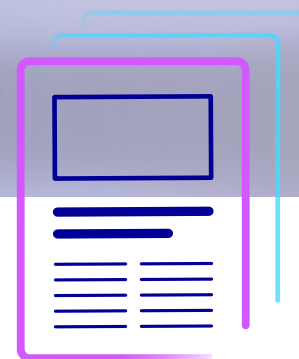
The architecture of Gaia-X is based on the principle of decentralisation. Gaia-X is the result of a multitude of individual platforms that all follow the Gaia-X Framework. Together, we are developing a data infrastructure based on the values of openness, transparency, and trust. So, what emerges is not a cloud, but a networked system that links many cloud services providers together.

See our website for an overview about Gaia-X: https://gaia-x.eu/

Recent press releases

↗ **Gaia-X Hackathon #5: Join the codefest on 26 + 27 September 2022**

This edition will implement a real-life end-to-end scenario leveraging the Gaia-X Open-Source Software and the Trust Framework. It will demonstrate why a federation brings value, how it is utilised, built and how data exchange can be done by enforcing the access control described in the Gaia-X Compliant self-descriptions.

↗ **Gaia-X announces its first Agriculture Data Space Event in Brussels on 6 September 2022**

Droughts due to climate change, the unprecedented decline in the staple food supply as a result of the war in Ukraine, growing demand for food due to the rising global population and more. Today, like never before, we need to invest in the agriculture sector to make it more robust and innovative.
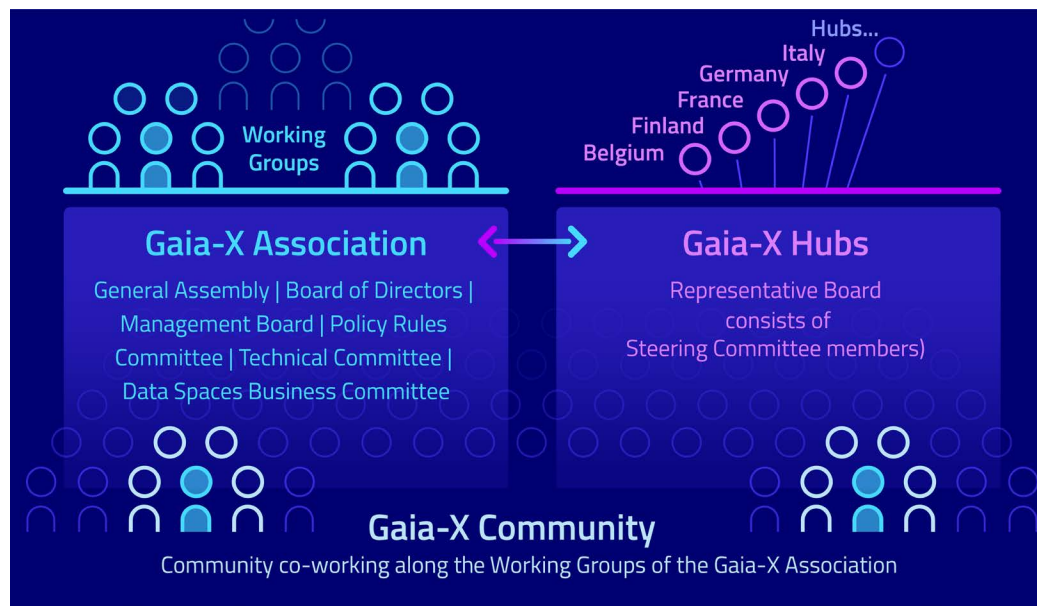
↗ **Chief Data Officer with the Spanish Government - Alberto Palomo, is the new Chairman of the Gaia-X Government Advisory Board**

With a Ph.D. from the Spanish National Research Council, Alberto is the Chief Data Officer of the Government of Spain. He spearheads the development of industrial dataspaces, stimulating the Data Economy', as well as data-driven policymaking along with technical coordination across EU data regulations and programmes.

↗ The latest press releases can be found in the news section on our website: gaia-x.eu/news

The people and structure behind Gaia-X

Gaia-X is a joint project: it brings people from different companies, research institutions, associations, administrations, and politics together to work towards a common goal. Together, they build on the widest spectrum of expertise to co-create the future of the digital infrastructure for Europe across dedicated data spaces serving the most critical industries.

An international alliance of more than 1800 participants from over 355 institutions – they make Gaia-X possible, bringing together a wide range of industries, ranging from the manufacturing sector, finance and transport and mobility.

Moreover, participation also aligns state institutions, associations, and research institutes, who have supported the large-scale project, alongside the private sector. This wide-ranging alliance guarantees that the focus can go beyond very specific challenges, or that solutions are developed in isolation.

Gaia-X is open to new interested stakeholders to help its further development. Everyone can get involved in a way that best suits their resources – for example, through the contribution of technical expertise, suggestion of new use cases or through active and continuous participation in one of the various open working groups.

Within the Gaia-X community, the Gaia-X Hubs act as an extended arm in the various regions. They form the heart of the community, are the first point of contact for anyone. interested and coordinate the requirements of the various industries towards the project.

More information about Gaia-X Hubs can be found here: https://gaia-x.eu/who-we-are/hubs/

Together we are working on something unprecedented

Francesco Bonfiglio, CEO Gaia-X Association

The Gaia-X European Association for Data and Cloud AISBL represents the core of the organisational structure of the Gaia-X vision. It is an international non-profit association under Belgian law (French: association internationale sans but lucratif, shortened to AISBL).
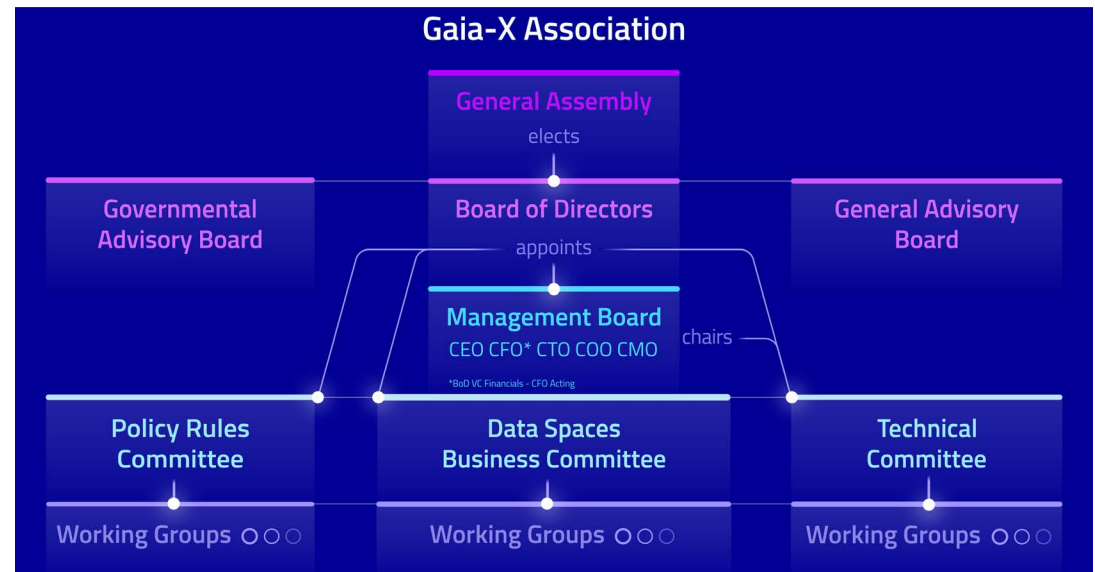
It has been founded with the goal to develop the technical framework and operate the Gaia-X Federation services. More than 350+ member organisations from all over the world are committed to upholding the values of data protection, transparency, security, and respect for data rights.

Within the Association there are several committees and working groups, who are all responsible for different topics.

The Board of Directors decides on important matters regarding the Gaia-X Association. It is headed by Dr Maximilian Ahrens as Chair and is composed of 22 persons from member organisations elected in the General Assembly.

The Management Board with its employees manages the daily activities of the Association. It's composed of Francesco Bonfiglio as Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Roland Fadrany as Chief Operation Officer (COO), Pierre Gronlier as Chief Technical Officer (CTO) and Vassilia Orfanou as the Chief Marketing Officer (CMO).

The Policy Rules Committee, the Technical Committee and the Data Space Business Committee with their respective working groups are central for the development of the data infrastructure Gaia-X. Already at the end of the year, the first core services are to be expected.

Gaia-X Association

General Assembly

elects

Governmental Advisory Board

Board of Directors

appoints

General Advisory Board

Management Board
CEO CFO* CTO COO CMO

*BoD VC Financials - CFO Acting

chairs

Policy Rules Committee

Data Spaces Business Committee

Technical Committee

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"Gaia-X is leading us into a new digital future in which our data and services can be made available, collated, and shared in an environment of trust. Improving and strengthening our digital sovereignty of business, research and education, governments, and society, is not only possible but also much closer than we think.

We need to gain control over our data. Today, more than ever, we are aware that we need the same level of rules, regulations, and security for the data that we impose on our social lives, our money, and our goods. That is what Gaia-X makes possible. Together with all our members and contributors, we are building the next generation of data infrastructure based on the principles of transparency, trust, and sovereignty. Our model is federated and horizontally scalable.

Gaia-X is not a market operator, it sets standards and develops the software infrastructure. It is an unprecedented joint venture of all sectors, from industry to finance, from energy to public administration, to define and re-design the way to rely and trust on technology."

Statements by contributors

"We are creating a next generation data ecosystem for Europe with a global aspiration."
Hubert Tardieu, Gaia-X Association Board of Directors.

"Organising data sharing is essential for the future of European industry. No one is willing to go to the cloud if they cannot keep fundamental elements like portability of infrastructure, data and applications. They do not want to reproduce, 30 years after mainframe computers, being locked into US companies again."
Hubert Tardieu, Gaia-X Association Board of Directors.

"To enable users to retain control over their data, we call for European data sovereignty – especially over production and industrial data. By participating in Gaia-X, I am doing my part to support this valuable, forward-looking initiative."
Harald A. Summa, Gaia-X Association Board of Directors, DE-CIX.

"As technological progress accelerates, I believe our shared European values are more important than ever. Gaia-X is about applying these values to the way we manage our data. This is the framework for the future competitiveness of European industry."
Dr Maximilian Ahrens, Chairman Board of Directors Gaia-X Association.

"With Gaia-X, I support a project that establishes core European values in data sharing on cloud platforms. This standard for cloud and data sovereignty should be applied worldwide. In perspective, it will be used by every cloud platform in ten years." Prof Dr Boris Otto, Board of Directors Gaia-X Association, Fraunhofer ISST und TU Dortmund.

"Gaia-X brings experts from private and public spheres. In the current world we live in, a trusted, open, secure, and decentralised data ecosystem is a fundamental component of further advancement in the digital economy, whether we speak of mobility, tourism, agriculture, healthcare, or energy. Gaia-X brings us to the 21st century and sets an example of trust and sovereignty for data."
Dominique Epardeau, Chairperson of Gaia-x Mobility DSBC and an executive member of the Mobility, Transport & Tourism data space EONA-X.

"Facilitating trusted mobility data sharing will accelerate Europe's green and digital transformation while reinforcing our industrial leadership."
Kristóf Almásy, Policy officer, EUDG for Communication Network, Content and Technology.

"We at Bosch see this initiative as one of the most important activities to drive the needed developments to reach the data sovereignty, trust, safety and security goals we set ourselves for the future challenges of the evermore connected mobility ecosystems."
Peter Busch, Product Owner DLT Mobility, Robert Bosch Group.

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"The Trust Framework is of utmost importance for Gaia-X as it sets the rules that define the minimum baseline to be part of the Gaia-X Ecosystem to put it simply, the Gaia-X Ecosystem is the virtual set of participants and service offerings following the Gaia-X requirements from the Gaia-X Trust Framework. Meanwhile, The trust framework enables everyone to operationalise it through the provision of an online API service, which is the first step towards compliance as code to align with the RegTech industry"

"Finally, we are giving the tourism the importance it deserves also in the data economy. At the EU level, the tourism sector directly contributes to almost 4% of GDP with 2.3 million businesses, majority of which are SMEs".
Carme Artigas Brugal, Secretary of State for Digitalisation and AI at the Spanish National Ministry of Economic Affairs and Digital Transformation

"A European Tourism Data Space will democratise and facilitate access to data, ensuring the participation of the whole tourism ecosystem, with particular attention to SMEs, hence contributing to the increase of the sector's competitiveness and positioning Europe as a worldwide Tourism leader"
Dolores Ordóñez, Director of Anysolution S.L.

"The multi-disciplinary keynote speakers addressed some of the key questions imperative towards building a decentralised health data space. The three use case themes – patient-driven measurements and outcomes, longitudinal patient records exploration and genomics, imaging and clinical data for cancer care and rare diseases – discussed in detail at the breakout sessions have emerged as priorities for the working group,"
Bert Verdonck, Program Manager Health Data Spaces, Philips

"Data-driven insights have the potential to dramatically improve health for all. This one-day event will ignite the deployment of federated Health Data Spaces based on the Gaia-X framework. We are committed to creating a value-based health care system and data is one of the most important components for achieving that. We plan to create a secure, transparent, and collaborative health data infrastructure in the EU that enables easy access and analysis of data to improve citizen-centric healthcare operations and innovation."
Jeroen Tas, Royal Philips

"We are looking forward to the upcoming Gaia-X Hackathon #4 and to showcase progress made in the Gaia-X Community. Specifically, the GXFS project will be hosting sessions on Self-Descriptions and the integration of the Gaia-X Trust Services into the GXFS Portal."
Andreas Weiss, GXFS-DE Project Lead and Head of Digital Business Models at eco, Association of the Internet Industry

Management team

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Francesco Bonfiglio
CEO Gaia-X Association

Francesco brings more than 30 years' experience in the IT sector, including executive roles in large, multinational companies, independent advisory roles in boards and start-ups, and a co-founding positions

Roland Fadrany
COO Gaia-X Association

Roland brings over 20 years of international management and consulting experience in the IT industry, he brings strong leadership and digitalisation knowledge to the team.

Pierre Gronlier
CTO Gaia-X Association

Pierre has been working in the IT industry for the last twelve years, with a particular focus on operationalising and scaling systems in the field of real-time communication and cloud services.

Vassilia Orfanou
CMO Gaia-X Association

Vassilia is an international, multi-disciplinary communications expert with 21 years' experience in project management, 360 communications, budget forecasting/analysis, quality assurance, risk and compliance having served on senior key roles for the Public and Private Sectors.

Gaia-X in international media

Print and online media

- Projekt „Gaia-X 4 moveID": Schneller die Ladestation oder den Parkplatz finden | KEM Automobil Konstruktion (Germany) 26 September 2022
- Post Ambrosetti, cosa pensano i Ceo (tech) italiani | inno3 (Italy) 19 September 2022
- Alberto Palomo, nuevo presidente del Consejo Asesor de Gaia-X | El Confidencial (Spain), 09 July 2022
- Added Value of Data Spaces for Spatial Data Infrastructures | Geospatial World, 20 June 2022
- VMware focuses on data sovereignty, digital transformation | RCR Wireless News (USA), 5 May 2022
- Drei halten die Gaia-X Fahne hoch | Cloudcomputing Insider (Germany), 26 April 2022

- Vorwärts immer! Mut braucht der wahre Souverän | Manager-magazin. de (Germany), 28 April 2022
- Ukraine war accelerates new era of vertical globalization | Nikkei Asian Review (Japan), 25 April 2022
- Ford tritt Daten-Netzwerk der Automobilindustrie bei | Flotte.de (Germany), 25 April 2022
- Gaia-X: Creating A "European Cloud" | Silicon Luxembourg (Luxembourg), 4 April 2022
- Gaia-X Hub Austria positioniert Österreich im europäischen Daten-Ökosystem | Top News (Austria), 30 March 2022
- Dawex Customer Agdatahub Selected by Gaia-X as Lighthouse Project, Accelerating the European Agriculture Transformation | BUSINESS WIRE, 1 March 2022

Video and audio media

- Gaia-X Podcast - CEO Series - Episode 1: Francesco Bonfiglio | YouTube (Belgium), 2022
- Gaia-X Vision and Strategy Animation Video 2022 | YouTube (Belgium), 2022
- Gaia-X at Hannover Messe | YouTube (Belgium), June 2022
- Smart World! Smart Europe? – Conference on European Digital Sovereignty | Chaire Cyber CNI – Cybersecurity for Critical Networked Infrastructures (France), 11 May 2022
- Gaia-X Hub Conference Luxembourg - 31 March | YouTube (Luxembourg), 23 March 2022
- Gaia-X - Technical deepdive. From the governance model to implementation | AICE Working Group Meetup in Brussels (Belgium), 24 November 2022
- Francesco Bonfiglio, 600Minutes Executive IT, 23 March 2022, Sweden | YouTube (Sweden), 6 April 2022
- 113: Francesco Bonfiglio, CEO, Gaia-X | Cloud Computing Report Podcast (Germany), 7 May 2021

Social media

- GaiaX Summit22 | LinkedIn September 2022
- Data Spaces Discovery Day | LinkedIn September 2022
- #octoconnectedforum | LinkedIn September 2022
- #GaiaX #Hackathon #5 | LinkedIn August 2022
- #GaiaX Framework | Twitter, July 2022
- Gaia-X Magazine 1st edition | LinkedIn, June 2022
- Gaia-X Podcast Series | LinkedIn, June 2022
- CLOUD, ULTRABROADBAND, 5G Web Conference | LinkedIn, June 2022
- WhitePaper "Unlocking the power of data in health-care a European vision" | LinkedIn, June 2022
- Edge Computing World Europe | Twitter, June2022
- Money20/20 | Twitter, June2022

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