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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.
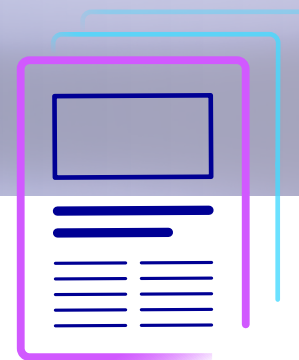
The architecture of Gaia-X is based on the principle of decentralisation. Gaia-X is the result of a multitude of individual platforms that all follow the Gaia-X Framework. Together, we are developing a data infrastructure based on the values of openness, transparency, and trust. So, what emerges is not 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

↗ The Gaia-X Summit, returns for the third consecutive time, in Paris – with a breakfast press day on the 16 and its two Summit days on the 17-18 November

Gaia-X, an organisation championing data sovereignty, has announced the 3rd edition of the Gaia-X 2022 Summit on 17-18 November 2022 in Salle Wagram, Paris.

↗ Gaia-X concludes its fifth Hackathon

The Gaia-X Open-Source Software (OSS) Community hosted its fifth Hackathon, connecting with close to three hundred participants. During the two-day event, we had ten sessions focusing not only on what it takes to be Gaia-X compliant but also different technologies that are needed to build a federation.
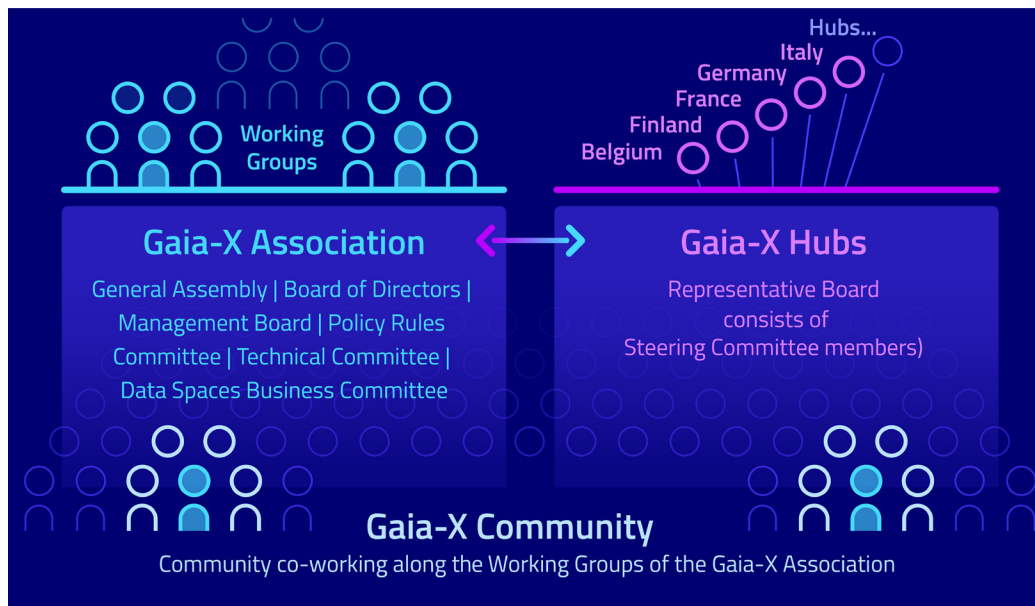
↗ Facilitating interoperable data sharing, the new Data Spaces Support Centre is now launched

12 significant partners were recently awarded to set-up and operate the Data Spaces Support Centre. The Data Spaces Support Centre will facilitate common data spaces in different sectors that collectively create an interoperable data sharing environment.

↗ 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), and Pierre Gronlier as Chief Technical Officer (CTO).

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

chairs

*BoD VC Financials - CFO Acting

Policy Rules Committee

Data Spaces Business Committee

Technical Committee

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Statements

"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.

Statements

"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"

"Digital has a deep impact on society, security and the economy. 70% of all new value in the next 10 years will be digitally enabled. Given its impact, there cannot be political sovereignty without digital sovereignty. But digital sovereignty requires strategic tech capabilities and access to data, at scale. It is about mastering and managing tech and ecosystems.

Today only 3 out of the top 20 tech companies are EU-based. Data is highly fragmented and most initiatives are sub-scale. It is time to power up the EU's tremendous innovation capabilities by taking a federated approach. Digital federation enables collaboration with sovereignty. It can provide scale and resilience to platforms and data in a distributed approach. For the federation to work its magic a common approach is needed: pooling resources, applying frameworks, concerted investments in digital Infrastructure, support for open platforms, conducive regulatory environment.

This is what Gaia-X is about."

Jeroen Tas, Board of Directors Gaia-X Association and Chief Innovation & Strategy Officer at Philips

"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

"Together with Gaia-X and other partners, we first created the Data Spaces Business Alliance and have now started the Data Spaces Support Centre. The joined activity will shape the creation of interoperable data spaces in different domains. Happy to share the status during the Gaia-X Summit this year in Paris."
Ulrich Ahle, Chief Executive Officer at FIWARE Foundation e.V.

"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

"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

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.

Gaia-X in international media

Print and online media

- Equinix to support Gaia-X European project | cloud7, 21 November 2022

- T-Systems to validate companies joining Catena-X project| telecompaper (The Netherlands) 21 November 2022

- ECB joins European data and cloud network initiative| The Watson Society (Italy), 20 November 2022

- Equinix Joins Pioneering Gaia-X Project to Speed Creation of a Sovereign European Digital Infrastructure| Telecom Ramblings, 20 November 2022

- T-Systems checks self-descriptions of Catena-X data ecosystem| Telecom Drive (India), 19 November 2022

- GAIA-X : le compte à rebours ne peut plus être arrêté| LeMagIT (France), 18 November 2022

- Gaia-X è operativa e funzionante: dal primo trimestre del 2023 saranno disponibili i primi servizi per le imprese | Innovation Post (Italy), 18 November 2022

- European Central Bank becomes a member of Gaia-X| The Paypers (The Netherlands), 18 November 2022

- Dawex Data Exchange Technology Implements the Gaia-X Trust Framework for a Secure & Trustworthy Data Economy | Agence France-Presse (France), 17 November 2022

- Projekt „Gaia-X 4 moveID": Schneller die Ladestation oder den Parkplatz finden | KEM Automobil Konstruktion, 26 September 2022

Video and audio media

- Clouded | Uncovering The Culture Of Cloud | A Dark Matter film, 2022

- Gaia-X Summit 22 - State of the Union by Francesco Bonfiglio | YouTube, 2022

- Gaia-X Summit playlist | YouTube, 2022

- DoITnow: i panel dell'inaugurazione dei 2 nuovi Data Center e Auditorium di Aruba a Ponte San Pietro | Youtube, November 2020

- 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

Social media

- Gaia-X Romania Hub inauguration | LinkedIn December 2022

- European Data Summit 2022 | LinkedIn December 2022

- #7thEUdigitalpublic | LinkedIn November 2022

- #GaiaX #Summit22, DSBA | LinkedIn November 2022

- #interview with Francesco Bonfiglio by Marco Berlinguer | LinkedIn November 2022

- #GaiaX #Summit22, Hubs | Twitter, November 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

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