

## Gaia-X Hubs – Join a thriving network across Europe

### What are Gaia-X Hubs?

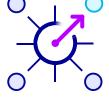
Gaia-X is the next generation of digital data infrastructure: a trustworthy data ecosystem across Europe and beyond based on the European values of openness, transparency, and sovereignty. An international community of Gaia-X Hubs supports this unique pan-European idea on national levels to nurture a dynamic, grassroots ecosystem. This will help to identify relevant user requirements and to conceptualise use cases. For companies, stakeholders, initiatives, associations and public sector bodies national Gaia-X Hubs are the central contact points for participating in and developing the Gaia-X project.

### What is the role of Gaia-X Hubs?

Hubs facilitate and support the creation of European Data Spaces. They are regional economy proxies to intercept digital transformation strategy directives and funding opportunities to implement Gaia-X services. Hubs focus on developing data spaces that are relevant or specific to the local region and also interact with other regions to build cross-national data spaces.



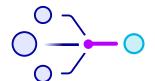
Connect stakeholders across different countries



Spread use cases that demonstrate the potentials of Gaia-X

Gaia-X Hubs bundle user interests across Europe to facilitate the creation of European Data Spaces. They gather use cases, requirements, standards, etc. to support the Gaia-X Association in setting up and establishing a sovereign data-infrastructure via a common Gaia-X architecture as well as policy rules, standards and the Federated Services.

Consolidate initiatives and stakeholders in their respective countries



Coordinate and liaise closely with the Gaia-X Association to support the development of architectures, standards, and policies

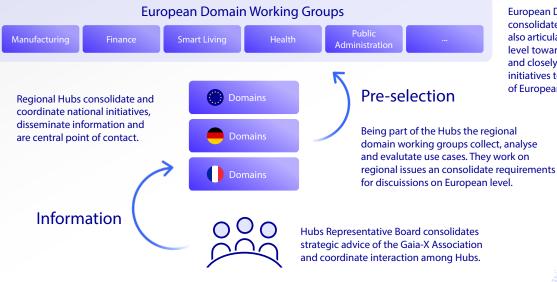
Streamline activities over different industries to avoid inefficent efforts and doubling

#### How are Gaia-X Hubs organised?

National Gaia-X Hubs pursues a bottom-up approach. They are self-organised while closely aligned with the Gaia-X Association. Memoranda of Understanding are striven for between Hubs and the Gaia-X Association to foster this partnership. Any organisation or company that can provide use cases, expertise and resources, or which is willing to contribute to the creation of data spaces, is welcome to join a Hub. A Gaia-X Hub incorporates at least one industrial sector and is open for participation to companies and organisations from other countries as well, especially those that do not have Gaia-X Hubs themselves. Each Hub is led by a Hub co-ordinator who ensures close contact to the Gaia-X Association. For all industry sectors involved in a national Hub, close cooperation between the Gaia-X Hubs and the Gaia-X Association is assured. Hubs are part of an open and global Gaia-X Community. Hub participants are not necessarily members of the Gaia-X Association but, are of course, encouraged to become one, so as to take part in the decision-making processes of architecture, as well as policy and rules development.



#### **European Data Spaces**



European Domain Working Groups consolidate and align use cases. They also articulate requirements on technical level towards the Gaia-X Association and closely cooperate with data spaces initiatives to facilitate the development of European Data Spaces.

# Why joining a national Gaia-X Hub is crucial?

- Contribute to a thriving data ecosystem based on European values
- Develop and realise numerous data spaces and stimulate innovation
- Strengthen ties with expert communities in your industry and provide inputs to discussions on innovations on a European level
- it is free of charge.

The aim is to set up one national Gaia-X Hub in each participating country.

16 EU and 5 Global Hubs are established in:

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Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, South Korea, Japan, US Texas, California and Washington DC.

## Do you wish to participate in a Gaia-X Hub?

Check https://gaia-x.eu/who-we-are/hubs to contact the Hub of your choice.

Missing your Hub? Contact the Gaia-X Association to launch your Hub and advice on next steps.

#### Stay in touch!

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