

Gaia-X General Overview

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A FEDERATED AND SECURE DATA INFRASTRUCTURE

Gaia-X strives for innovation through digital sovereignty.

- ► Our **goal** is to establish an ecosystem, whereby data is shared and made available in a trustworthy environment.
- ► Our **intention** is that we give the control back to the users by retaining sovereignty over their data.
- ➤ Our **outcome** will not be a cloud. It is a federated system linking many cloud service providers and users together in a transparent environment that will drive the European data economy of tomorrow.

Gaia-X Is

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- Making available an open implementation to all
- > A qualification authority for Gaia-X compliance

Gaia-X is Not

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- > A SW or HW product or cloud platform
- > A runtime implementation of any Gaia-X service

Gaia-X vs AISBL

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WHAT DO WE DELIVER?

SPECIFICATIONS

The specifications describe how Gaia-X works in terms of functional and technical requirements

CODE

The above specifications are then translated into source code by our community.

LABELS

In order to operationalise services and build truly connected and interoperable dataspaces, Gaia-X Association develops governance based on European values.



What is Gaia-X

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Gaia-X Abstract



funded not-for-profit Association,
Gaia-X brings together an
international industrial, academic,
and political community with the
aim of building a common
standard for transparent,
controllable, and interoperable
technologies in order to enable the
creation of common data spaces,
and in doing so boost the
European data economy.

Open to anyone and aligned to the European values of human-centricity, transparency, openness, sovereignty, and trust, Gaia-X's ambition is to deliver unprecedented opportunities for innovative data-driven business models reducing the dependency from non-controllable technologies.

Gaia-X Vision & Mission





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What we are & what we do



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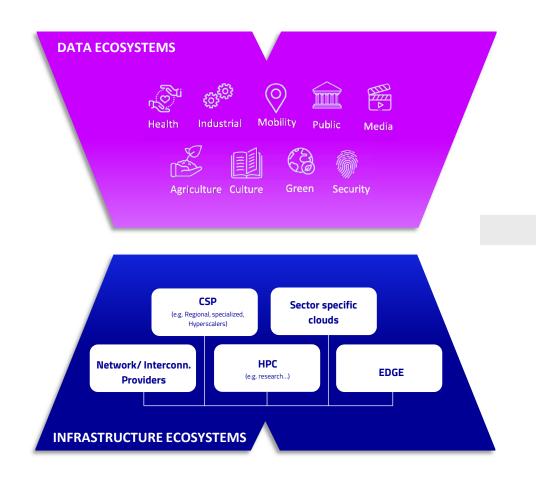
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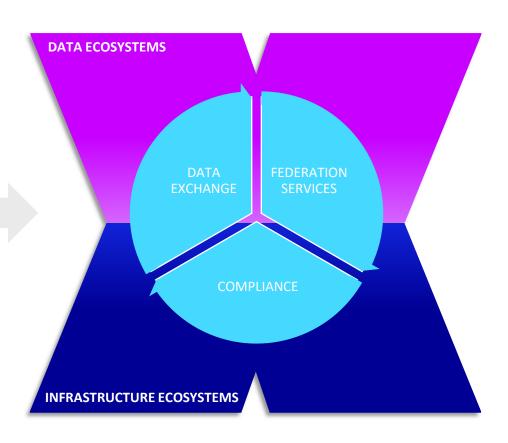
WHAT WE DO



The existing Split X Model & Our X Model







The existing Split X Model

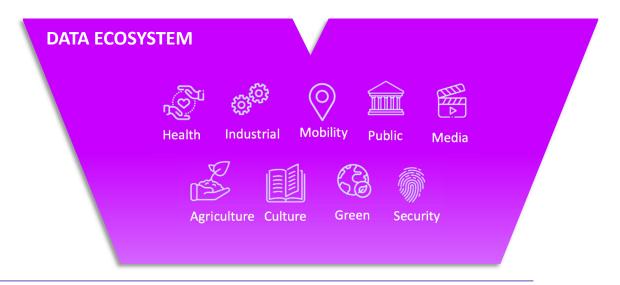
Disjoint Data & Infrastructures Ecosystems





DATA

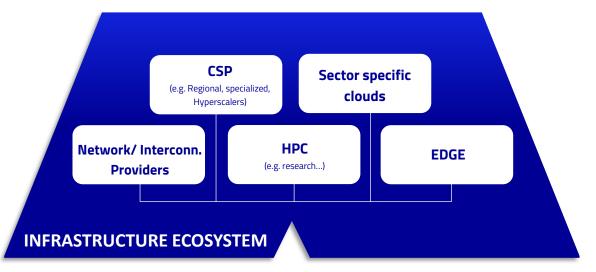
Untapped, fragmented, disjoint, no secure exchange mechanism





INFRASTRUCTURES

Segregated, non-reversible, non-interoperable, closed architectures, private standards





Our X Model

Connecting Data - Infrastructures Ecosystems





ADVANCED SERVICES

New (Cross-) Sector Innovations / Applications build from service composition.



DATA SPACES / FEDERATIONS

Interoperable & portable (Cross-) Sector data-sets and services.



DATA EXCHANGE

Anchored contract rules for access and data usage.



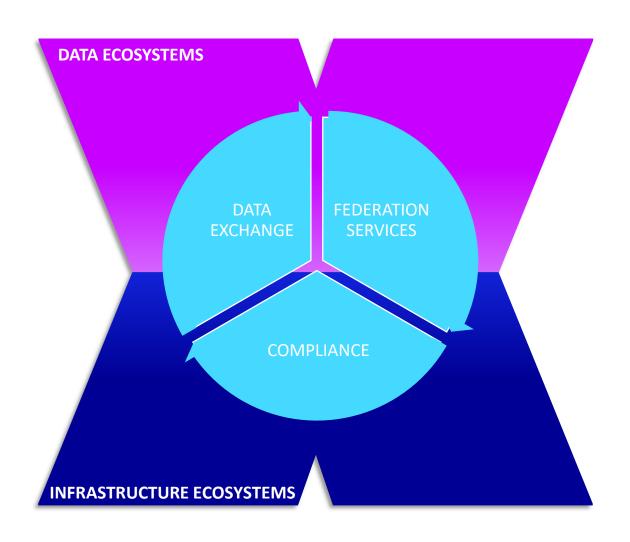
Gaia-X COMPLIANCE

Decentralized services to enable objective and measurable trust.



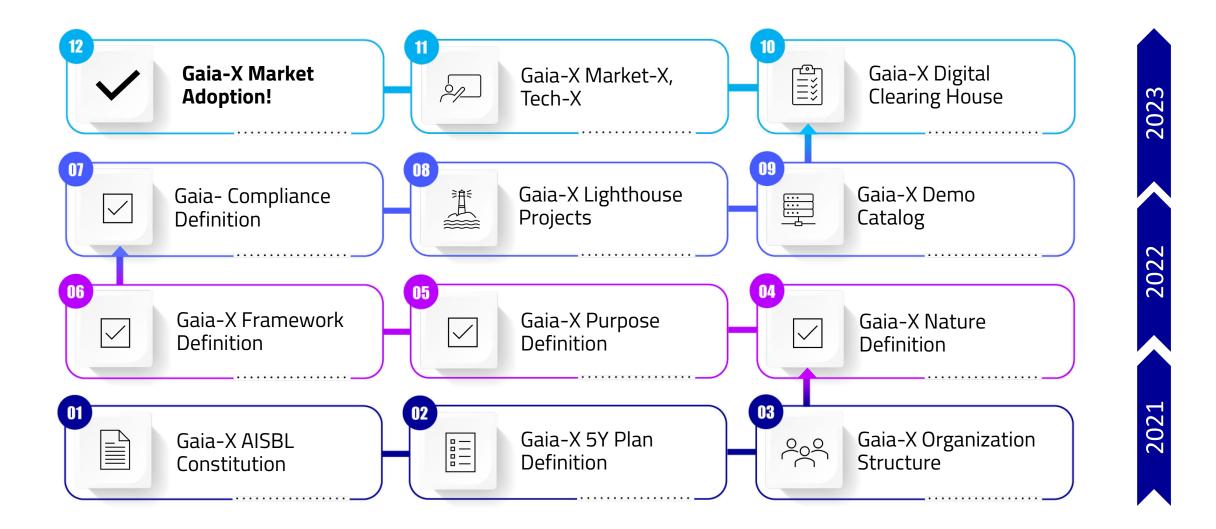
LABEL FRAMEWORK

Gaia-X and ecosystem specific Labels to ease market adoption through autonomy and self-determination.



Gaia-X From Inception to Market







Gaia-X Strategy

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The Gaia-X Strategic Plan in a nutshell



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END-USER ADOPTION STRATEGY

- Increase the number of reference stories to enable the community in reference selling
- Policymakers supporting and advocating for the Gaia-X initiative in Europe
- Work with Cloud Service Providers, including Hyperscalers, while maintaining sovereignty through Gaia-X rules
- Establish Hubs in European countries which are not active yet

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MARKET READINESS OF "THE TECHNOLOGY

- Intensify collaboration with DSBA and FOSS communities
- Strengthen partnership with funded projects on EU and member state level, including lighthouse projects to enhance the functionality
- Provide regular deep dive sessions using Gaia-X defacto standards to demonstrate how Data Spaces based on a federated Cloud infrastructure can be realised
- Validate 'Powered by Gaia-X'

GLOBALISATION STRATEGY

- Partner with international members for global regions and align with regulations outside of Europe
- Utilize Gaia-X Hubs as multiplier for Gaia-X in their home regions
- Include other regions to participate in the definition of labels for their territory
- Join global events to increase awareness about Gaia-X
- Foster analyst relations to increase global awareness

GROWTH OF THE Gaia-X ** ECOSYSTEM

- Demonstrate benefits for existing members
- Provide added values for organisations to join Gaia-X
- Large corporates for global reach
- Start-ups and SME for innovative solutions
- Developers and Universities for technology excellence
- Maximize the efficiency of the Committees and agile sprints
- Grow the number of members





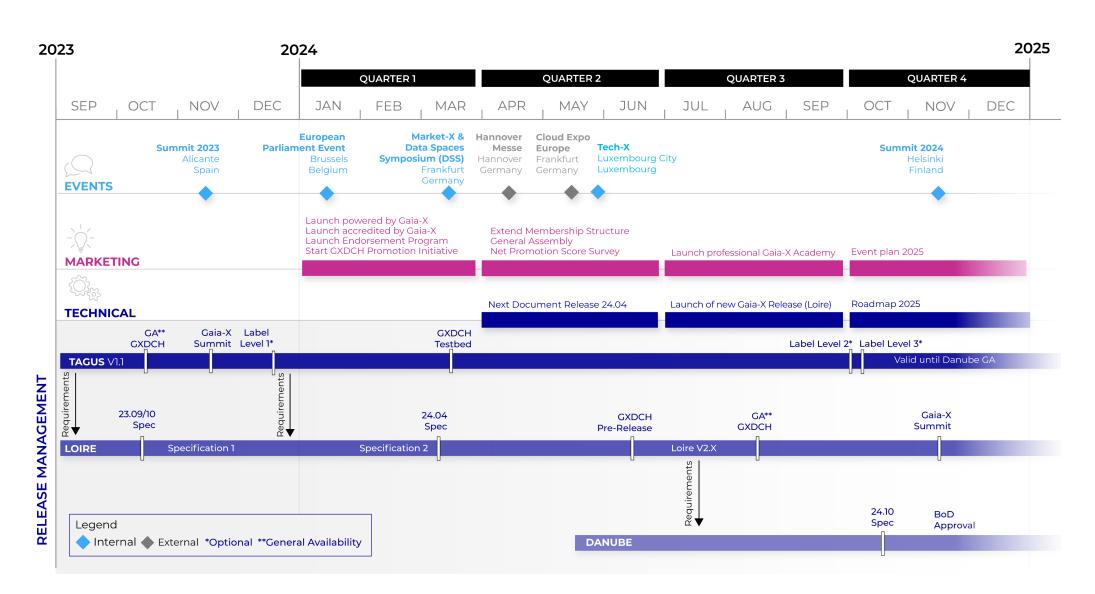




Driven by a growth and service oriented team providing thought leadership to the market

Gaia-X Strategic Roadmap 2024







Who we are

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Lighthouse Data Spaces





Lighthouse Projects



































Gaia-X Hubs





Gaia-X Members





300+ companies and organisations



3 out of 4 organisations are private companies, **about half** of which are SMEs*



Organisations from different industries, such as Mobility, Energy, Manufacturing, Finance etc.



Mentioned explicitly in the **European Data Strategy** and proactively addressing key issues. Exchange between Gaia-X and the **European Commission** to identify synergies between Gaia-X and initiatives and programs such as the **European Cloud Federation**, **CEF 2** and **Digital Europe**.



Large Companies



SMEs



Start-Ups



Universities



R&D



Associations



Public Sector



How does it work? - Tech Insight

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Gaia-X Rules: Trust & Labelling Framework

PRODUCE





Service

Gaia-X Trusted

Trusted
Transparent,
Controllable,
Measurable,
Comparable
attributes.

(Compulsory)

Gaia-X Labeled Service

Labeled Level 2 Conformant to

Intermediate set of Gaia-X Label Rules (include ENISA Substantial). EU run option required

Labeled Level 1

Conformant to

Basic set of Gaia-X

Label Rules (include

ENISA Basic

Labeled Level 3

Conformant to High set of Gaia-X Label Rules (include ENISA High). Must run in EU

Externally defined Gaia-X Labels

(Optional)

Dataspace



To build a Dataspace, we need:

- ✓ A governance which can be operationalised.
- ✓ Infrastructures adopting the governance.
- ✓ Parties adopting the governance, using the infrastructures "to access and use data in a fair, transparent, proportionate and/non-discriminatory manner with clear and trustworthy data governance mechanisms."[1]

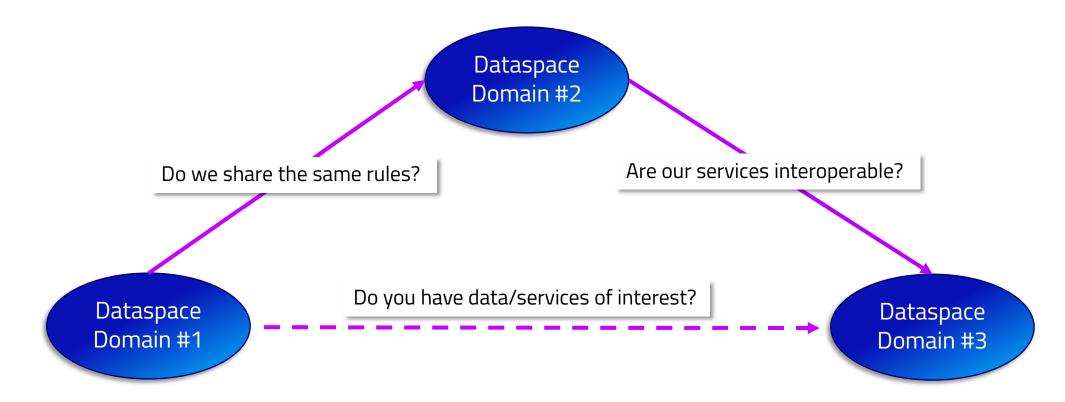
Problems/Opportunities:

- Sharing data is not new and there are 1000's of existing setups that could qualify as "dataspace"
- They are not discoverable
- Governance and infrastructure interoperabilities are hard if not impossible to assess
- Scaling is expensive

Gaia-X proposals

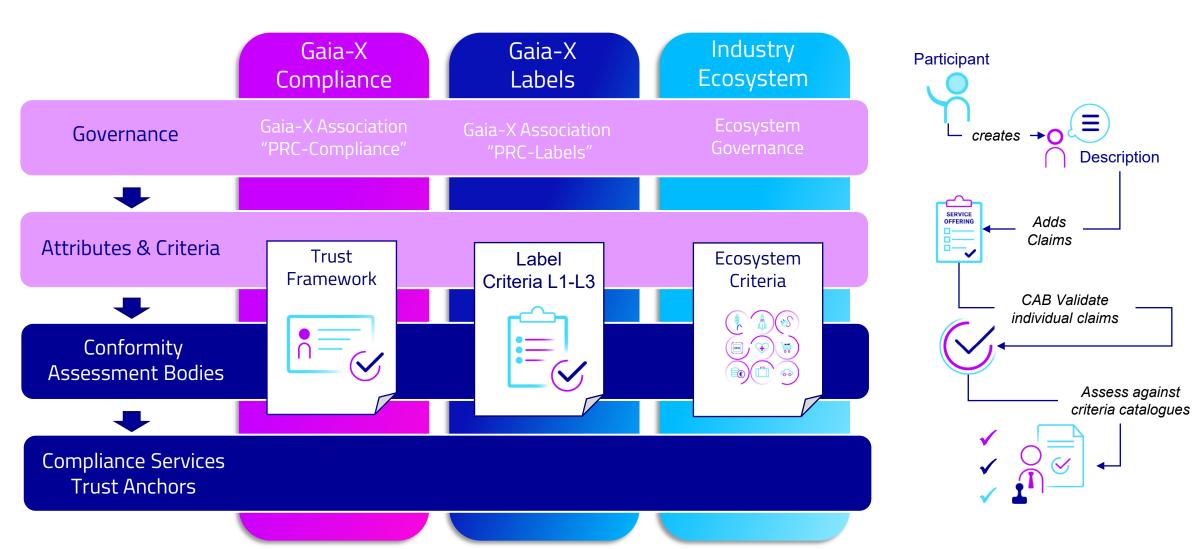


- > Federated catalogues | for Services and Products.
- ➤ A worldwide-ready 📜 governance based on European values
- Easy customisation and extension are of the governance per domains, verticals, local markets, ...
- \triangleright Interoperability measurement \bigcirc across dataspaces d=distance(D1,D2)



Gaia-X Compliance - Enable Trust & Governance





Gaia-X Digital Clearing House



GXDCH Components*



Gaia-X Registry (compulsory)



Gaia-X Compliance (compulsory)



Notary (compulsory)



Wizard (optional)



Catalogue (optional)



Credential Event Service (Optional**)



Gaia-X Conformity and Labels

	С	L1	L2	L3
Declaration of Service or Product	√	✓	√	✓
Signed with verified method (eg.eIDAS)	√	✓	√	√
Automated validation by GXDCH	√	✓	✓	√
Automated verification by GXDCH*	√	✓	+	+
Data Exchange Policies	√	✓	✓	√
Certified Label Logo		✓	✓	√
Data protection by EU legislation		√	√	✓
Manual verification by CAB			√	√
Provider Headquarter within EU				√

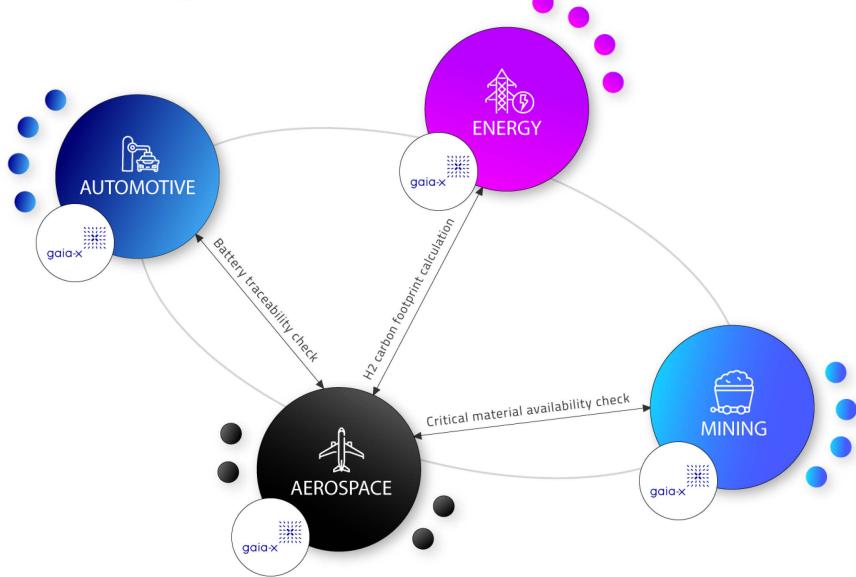
^{*} Current list, may expand in future releases

^{**} CES will become mandatory in Loire (next release)

^{***}not all criteria can be automated, "+" means automated verification if the evidence issuer (Standard & CAB)

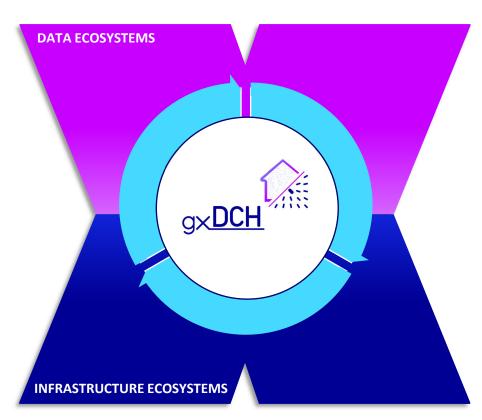
Gaia-X Digital Clearing House in action





How to get started!





- Request a Legal Registration Number credential**.
- Create and sign my Legal Participant credential.
- Create and sign the Gaia-X Terms & Conditions credential.
- Create and sign my Service Offering credential.
- Send credentials for validation and request proof of Gaia-X Compliance.
- Publish my Service Offering in the network of catalogues.

Each step could be done on a different GXDCH instance.

^{*}All actions done in the wizard are also available via API.

^{**}Credentials are equivalent to digitally signed attestations.



What's in for me-Business Insight

Gaia-X Benefits for Users & Providers



BENEFITS FOR **USERS**

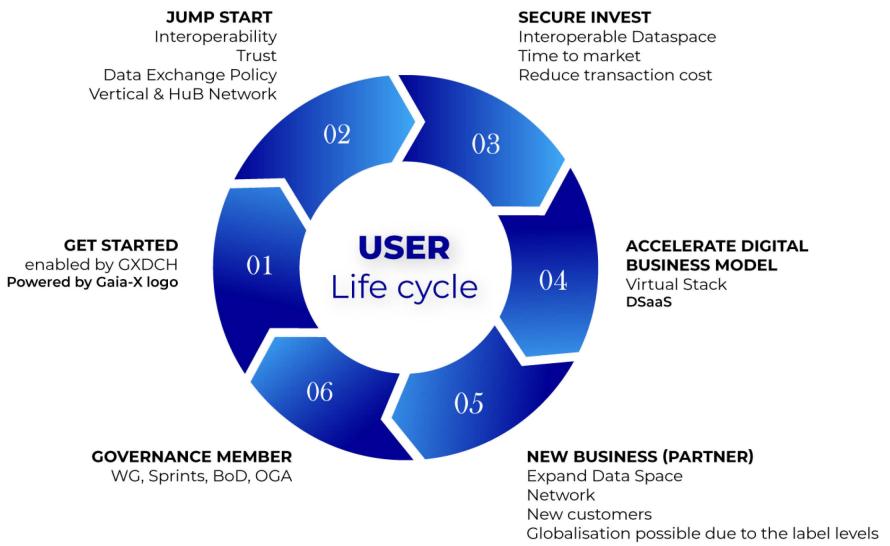
- 1. Build and implement common rules in order to be able to exchange data in a trusted way.
- 2. Accelerate sovereign data driven EcoSystems.
- 3. Enable global data driven value chains through federated trust and interoperability.

BENEFITS FOR PROVIDERS

- 1. Expand reach, visibility and market share by delivering services which are certified as compliant with Gaia-X.
- 2. Become one stop shop as a GXDCH Provider, for your existing and new customers utilising the Gaia-X EcoSystem.
- 3. Deliver DataSpace as a Service (DSaaS) to enable fast, cost efficient, transparent and reliable data driven Business Application.

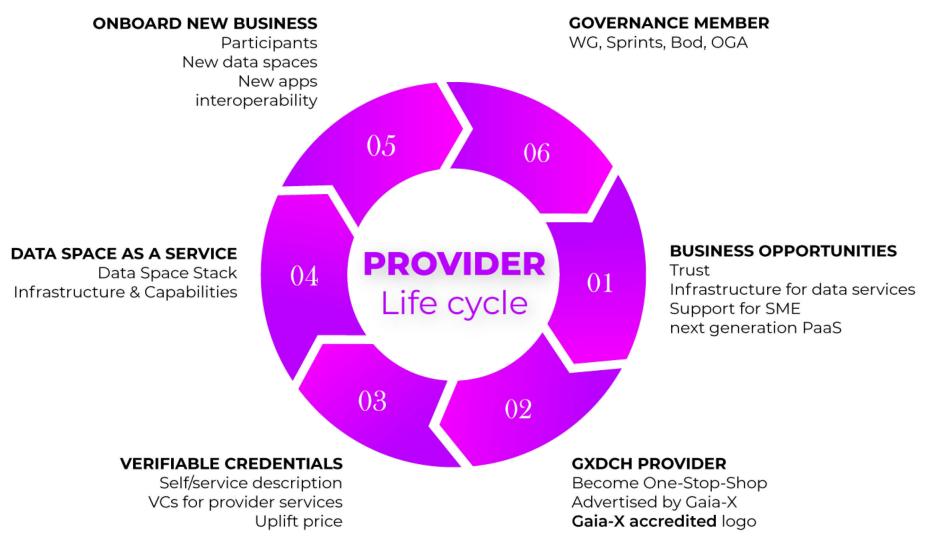
User Life cycle





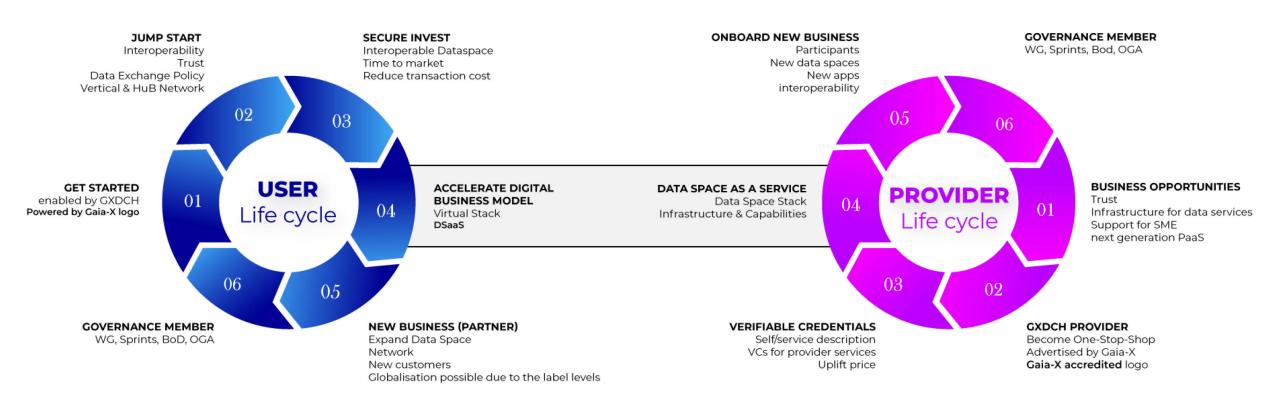
Provider Life cycle





Where User and Provider Connect





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