

## Gaia-X SUMMIT 2024

EMPOWERING GLOBAL DATA SPACES
SHAPING TOMORROW'S CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE

Helsinki, Finland | 14 & 15 November

## **Press Kit**

Gaia-X European Association for Data and Cloud November 2024

## Gaia-X Summit 2024 Press Kit

#### What

Gaia-X Summit 2024 Press Conference

#### When

14 November 2024 at 08:30 – 09:30 (EET) – Helsinki, Finland Time

#### Where

Meeting Room, 3rd Floor, Finnkino Tennispalatsi, Salomonkatu 15, 00100 Helsinki, Finland & Online

#### Why

Gather important information directly from the source on the data economy and data ecosystem

#### 1. Press Conference Agenda

- → 08:00 08:15 Registration
- 08:15 08:30 Coffee in the Meeting Room
- 08:30 08:35 Welcome & Moderation: Lotta Backlund
- ⇒ 08:35 08:45 Summit Key Messages and Roadmap 2025: Ulrich Ahle, CEO, Gaia-X
- 08:45 08:50 Summit Overview: Catherine Jestin, Gaia-X BoD Chairwoman
- → 08:50 09:30 Q&A Guests & Journalists

#### 2. Gaia-X Invited Guests

#### Gaia-X BoD Member & Summit Speaker



**Catherine Jestin,** Gaia-X BoD Chairwoman; Executive Vice President Digital and Information Management, Airbus

Executive Vice President Digital and Information Management at Airbus since 1 July 2021 and member of the Company's Executive Committee. Catherine has previously held the position of Chief Information Officer (CIO) at Airbus since March 2020. In this role, she drove state-of-the-art Information Technology systems and solutions supporting Airbus employees, customers and suppliers. Prior to this position, Catherine was Chief Information Officer at Airbus Helicopters, a role she held from July 2013 to February 2020. Before joining Airbus, Catherine held various positions, between 2007 and 2013, at Rio Tinto in Montreal, Canada, in Information Systems & Technology (IS&T). Catherine also spent 17 years at Accenture and was nominated Partner in 2002, a position she held for five years.



#### Hubert Tardieu, Independent Board Member, Gaia-X

After 27 years in Sema then SchlumbergerSema then Atos in various positions on Executive Committee including EVP for Global Telecom, Global Finance, Global Consulting& Systems Integration, Hubert Tardieu has been the advisor of Atos CEO helping him to form the vision of what will be our world in 5 years ahead. To help him in this task he formed the Atos Scientific Community in June 2009 which he chaired until October 2020. He is now consultant with his own company. Hubert Tardieu is the author of several books on Information System Design Methodology Merise and in March 2020: "Deliberately Digital: Rewriting Enterprise DNA for enduring success" Tardieu and all. Springer ed Hubert Tardieu has been successively, in 2020 the Interim CEO then in 2021 the Chairman of the Board of the Gaia-X AISBL until June 7. He is currently Independent Board Member in charge of relationships with governments.



**Ville Sirviö**, Gaia-X BoD; CEO, Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions (NIIS)

Ville Sirviö leads the Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions (NIIS), overseeing the development of the X-Road® open-source software, which has hundreds of millions of end users worldwide. He also contributes his expertise as a board member of the Gaia-X European Association for Data and Cloud, advancing the development of European data spaces. With a diverse background ranging from startups to listed companies, Sirviö brings a wealth of experience in digital transformation. He has led organisations specialising in software development, digital commerce, digital government, interoperability, and open-source software. Throughout his career, he has been a frequent speaker and panellist at various technology conferences and events.



#### **Leonardo Camiciotti**, Gaia-X BoD; Executive Director, TOP-IX Consortium

Leonardo Camiciotti is currently Executive Director of the TOP-IX Consortium (wwww. top-ix.org). Since 2006 he has been responsible for the TOP-IX Development Program, which facilitates new business creation by providing infrastructural support (i.e. Internet bandwidth, computing resources and product prototyping) and promotes technological innovation projects in different sectors (e.g. Interconnection, Cloud Computing, Big Data, etc.), aiming at producing economic and social impact. Previously, he was Research Scientist, Strategy & Business Development Officer and Business Owner at Philips Corporate Research. He graduated in Electronic Engineering from the University of Florence and holds an M.B.A. from the University of Turin.



#### Martine Gouriet, Gaia-X BoD; Director of Digital Uses, EDF

Martine Gouriet is director of digital uses within EDF Group, a role which she assume in 2019. Most recently, she was Director of IT and Telecom shared services at the company. Previously , she was leading EDf subsidiary Edelia which is specialized within data, energy efficiency and smart grids. She has worked during 17 years within Orange and she has launched in France the IP and VOD TV. Martine Gouriet is also board director of Gaia X, leading the work related to labels and energy in the association. She is gratuated from "Ecole Polytechnique" and "Telecom Paris Tech".



#### Dominique Michiels, Gaia-X BoD; Chief Service Delivery Officer, OVHcloud

Dominique Michels is Chief Service Delivery Officer at OVHcloud and a member of the Executive Committee. He joined OVHcloud in 2017 to manage the operation of all services delivered to customers with a strong focus on their satisfaction. An IT enthusiast for 40 years, he has accumulated considerable experience in IT production, architecture, and software development, performing diverse roles at Worldline (Atos subsidiary), such as the management of large cost centres & profit centres, including running large, complex international projects. In a multicultural landscape, he was also a key contributor to the various M&A and transformation programs.

#### Summit Speaker (Opening & Keynote)



**Pearse O'Donohue**, Director, Future Networks Directorate, DG CNECT, European Commission

Pearse O'Donohue is Director for the Future Networks Directorate of DG CONNECT, European Commission, dealing with policy development and research as regards 5G networks, IoT, cloud and data flows, service platforms and next-generation Internet.



**Ernst Stöckl-Pukall**, Head of Unit "Digitisation and "Industrie 4.0", Department for Industrial Policy, German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action

Ernst Stöckl-Pukall is head of the "Digitalisation and Industry 4.0" department in the industry division of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi). His work focuses on topics such as the successful digitalisation of industry in Germany. In this role, he is also responsible for the "Plattform Industrie 4.0" and oversees Germany's various bilateral and multilateral cooperation activities in the field of Industry 4.0, e.g. with China and Japan. The Industry 4.0 Platform is headed by the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy and the Federal Minister for Education and Research. The platform is a central player in the digital transformation of the manufacturing industry in Germany and includes all relevant interest groups such as industry, science, trade unions and politics. The platform also features the GAIA-X project. Ernst Stöckl-Pukall is also responsible for various research and funding programmes aimed in particular at the automotive sector and topics such as autonomous driving and the digital transformation in the industry. Mr Stöckl-Pukall is also responsible for the "Important Project of Common European Interest" - IPCEI-CIS. The project aims to build the next generation of cloud infrastructures in Europe. Prior to his current position, Ernst Stöckl-Pukall was responsible for the maritime sector at the BMWi, as well as economic and trade counsellor at the German Embassy in New Delhi. He holds a degree in economics from the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich.

#### Gaia-X Management & Summit Speaker



#### Ulrich Ahle, CEO, Gaia-X

Ulrich is a reputed executive in the IT sector, formerly Vice President and leader of the Manufacturing and Industrie 4.0 System Integration business at Atos in Germany. He is also founder and member of the Board of the International Data Spaces Association in Germany and served 16 years on the Board of the prostep IVIP organization until April 2018. After an apprenticeship as toolmaker at Hella KG, he studied Mechanical Engineering at the University of Paderborn. In his career, Ahle hea Id several positions as development engineer, Director of PLM services, sales director and Vice President. He has been part of Nixdorf a Computer AG, Siemens and Atos. From January 2017 to November 2023 Ulrich Ahle was Chief Executive Officer of the FIWARE Foundation headquartered in Berlin, Germany.



#### Christoph Strnadl, CTO, Gaia-X

Educated as a research scientist in Theoretical Physics, Dr Strnadl has over 30 years of consulting and management experience in IT and how to leverage it for businesses. After 10 years as a strategy consultant and business manager at Atos, he joined Software AG in 2005, where he held various technical leadership positions in Austria, central and eastern Europe, and finally, at the global level as Deputy CTO. His accountabilities centred around aligning technology solutions and products with business requirements and strategies with a pronounced focus on innovation and evangelisation. In this capacity, he has been responsible for Software AG's ecosystem engagements, such as Gaia-X or dataspaces, since 2019. Before joining the Gaia-X AISBL as CTO, he led the efforts of the IOTA Foundation, a Berlin blockchain/DLT association, to define and implement a technology adoption department in 2024. He is a recognised public speaker with over 300 appearances, a university lecturer for BPM technologies, and a co-author of/contributor to six books.



#### Alberto Palomo, CSO, Gaia-X

Originally from Madrid, he obtained a PhD in Mathematical Physics, prior to working at an R+D lab in Canada developing numerical simulations for artificial neural networks. Alberto then spent the following 5 years coordinating the technical development of Data Science applications for a large electric utility company in the USA. In 2021, he was appointed Chief Data Officer for the Government of Spain, a novel technopolitical role aimed at prescribing data innovation policy, more so than the management of datasets. Under his lead, the Spanish National Data Office closely followed the innovative developments around European cloud and data, and with that assembled an architectural and governance model for the deployment of data spaces in Spain. Nationally, they also coordinated several WGs across Spanish ministries, federal agencies and industrial stakeholders, as well as promoted a series of normalisation standards for data management and governance.



#### Roland Fadrany, COO, Gaia-X

Roland is the COO of Gaia-X from May 2022 onwards. He establishes effective policies, processes and organisations that promote the Gaia-X vision and mission. With over 20 years of international management and consulting experience in the IT industry, he brings strong leadership and digitalisation knowledge to the team. He has led a global service line, successfully delivered complex, critical programs, and managed multinational development-, delivery- and partner organisations at companies like EDS, HP, A1 Telekom Austria, Microsoft and Detecon. Roland oversaw comprehensive innovation and transformation initiatives in various industries in Europe and the USA. He holds a master's degree in "Engineering Management" from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX. He speaks English and German and lives in Vienna.



#### Pierre Gronlier, CINO, Gaia-X

Pierre Gronlier 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. With a penchant for science and an academic background in embedded real-time systems and applied mathematics in signal processing and machine learning, he started as a research engineer in video compression before joining Skype and Microsoft in Estonia. He then moved to OVHcloud in France as a Cloud Solution Architect.



#### Klaus Ottradovetz, Chair, Gaia-X Technical Committee

Having worked closely with many innovation partners on the definition and implementation of industry- and technology platforms (IoT, Smart City, Blockchain, "PaaS", Big Data and Analytics across IT and OT) Klaus joined the Gaia-X project and contributed to the use cases as well as the documents describing GAIA-X as an enabler for Infrastructure- and Data ecosystems.

#### 3. Ready to use quotes

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In the Gaia-X Trust Framework session, **Pierre Gronlier**, Chief Innovation Officer (ClnO) of Gaia-X, will "explore how trust and interoperability can be built into digital platforms—not just as ideals, but as automated, actionable elements essential for a resilient digital future".

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During the Summit, participants can explore three dedicated theatres: Economic Theater, Tech Theater, and Partners Theater, each offering focused sessions for deeper engagement with Gaia-X's various dimensions. "As we prepare for the Gaia-X Summit, I am delighted that we will provide the opportunity to engage in pure technical discussions about the future of data sharing and service ecosystems" emphasised **Christoph F. Strnadl**, CTO of Gaia-X.

#### 4. Summit key messages

- Discover the next evolution of Gaia-X technology with the new Gaia-X Digital Clearing House (GXDCH) components (release name: Loire). Get started on automated compliance following the Gaia-X Compliance Document 24.06.
- Explore the first non-European deployment of the Gaia-X Digital Clearing House (GXDCH) testbed in Japan, a major step in Gaia-X's globalisation strategy.
- Understand how Gaia-X enables two sets of interoperability: Legal and Organisational, governed by the Gaia-X Compliance Document and Semantic and Technical, governed by the Gaia-X Architecture Document.
- Explore how the Gaia-X Digital Clearing House (GXDCH) serves as the operationalisation of the Gaia-X Compliance Document, using the Gaia-X Trust Framework specifications.
- Hear real-world use case testimonials from Data Space Projects, showcasing how Gaia-X's framework is being conceptualised across various sectors.
- Discover how Cloud Service Providers and Clearing Houses are enhancing business efficiency and innovation through collaborative data ecosystems and enabling their financial sustainability.
- Gain insights into the pivotal role of the Data Space Orchestrator in managing and coordinating activities within data-sharing ecosystems.
- Evaluate your data-sharing project through the economic model developed by Paris Dauphine University, which distinguishes between the roles of participants and orchestrators within data-sharing ecosystems.
- Discover how Data Spaces Business Alliance (DSBA), Data Spaces Support Centre (DSSC), and Simpl work together to create a unified framework for Data Spaces, enabling smoother interoperability across ecosystems through standards convergence.
- Directly engage with the whole Gaia-X Tech Team everyone up to and including the Chief Technical
  Officer and Chief Innovation Officer through workshops, open discussions, Q&A sessions or
  individual 1:1s with any team member you want to engage with.
- Discover Gaia-X B2B Marketplace as a way to bridge the current gap between market demands and available technology.

#### 5. Summit Agenda



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#### 6. Gaia-X Summit Agenda Storyline

#### Day 1: The Core of Gaia-X

The Summit's Day 1 kicks off with a focus on **global collaboration and the future of digital ecosystems**. The **opening keynotes** will explore how fostering cooperation across borders can lead to new paradigms in data sharing and digital infrastructures.

Next, the spotlight shifts to the **Gaia-X Journey 2024 & Roadmap 2025**, outlining the upcoming milestones in Gaia-X's evolution.

The agenda continues with a focus on **Gaia-X Compliance & Label**, highlighting the two-layered approaches for interoperability that Gaia-X covers: Legal and Organisational with the Gaia-X Compliance Document; Semantic and Technical with the Gaia-X Architecture Document. Following this, the **Gaia-X Trust Framework** session will highlight how to create secure, interoperable data-infrastructure ecosystems by emphasising the need for trust and interoperability across digital platforms and how this can be automated.

**Gaia-X Voices** will feature **use case testimonials from Data Space Projects**, offering real-world examples of how Gaia-X's framework is being implemented across various sectors. These testimonials are expected to provide valuable insights into the practical benefits of Gaia-X's approach.

To close out the first day, a session on **Driving Business Impact through Collaboration** will highlight the role of **Cloud Service Providers & Clearing Houses** in advancing business efficiency and innovation through collaborative data ecosystems. Lastly, the day will wrap up with insights into the role of the **Data Space Orchestrator**, which is crucial for managing and coordinating data space activities within data-sharing ecosystems.

This full day of keynotes, case studies, and interactive sessions sets a strong foundation for the Summit, focusing on collaboration, trust, and innovation in the digital space.

#### Day 2: Advancing Data-sharing and Collaboration

**Day 2** of the Summit focuses on the economic and strategic aspects of data-sharing, starting with insights from the **Gaia-X Institute** on the economics of data-sharing and the concept of **automated compliance by design**. The agenda then shifts to **Nordic-Baltic Perspectives**, exploring regional approaches to data-sharing and innovation in the digital ecosystem.

A focus on Gaia-X **Hubs** follows, discussing how local hubs can play a critical role in promoting Gaia-X Market Adoption at the national and local levels. In addition to the 16 European Hubs and the 5 International Hubs, Gaia-X expanded its presence by announcing three new Hubs (Norway, Denmark, and Switzerland).

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The day then addresses the theme of **Maximizing Synergies**, highlighting the collaboration between Data Spaces Business Alliance (DSBA), Data Spaces Support Centre (DSSC), and **Simpl** to create a unified framework for data spaces, ensuring smoother interoperability across ecosystems through standards convergence.

The afternoon will cover **Driving Transformation**, focusing on how the **European Data Strategy** aligns with Gaia-X to propel digital innovation and governance across Europe. The day wraps up with **Closing Remarks**, summarising the key takeaways and setting the direction for future collaboration and implementation.

#### Parallel Theaters Program Overview: Economic, Tech, and Partners Theater

During the Summit, participants can explore three dedicated theatres: **Economic Theater, Tech Theater,** and **Partners Theater**, each offering focused sessions for deeper engagement with Gaia-X's various dimensions.

#### **Economic Theater**

Hosted by **Gaia-X Institute** and Paris Dauphine University, this theatre invites participants to submit their **Data Space Economy Use Cases** to have their project evaluated using the economic model developed by Paris Dauphine University, which separates the roles of participants and orchestrators within data-sharing ecosystems.

#### Tech Theater

The **Tech Theater** provides an in-depth look into the technical foundations of Gaia-X. Starting with **Gaia-X 101**, participants can explore the technical fundamentals and architecture. Sessions will also cover key topics like **Navigating the Loire Release** and **Secure Credential Sharing** with **OID4VC**. The **OpenWallet Foundation** will discuss digital wallets, while the **GXDCH Q&A** will help you discover the next version of the Gaia-X Digital Clearing House components, codename Loire, and you'll be able to start getting compliance following the Gaia-X Compliance Document 2406. The **Gaia-X Ontology** session will explain how you can use a common (domain-specific) language to describe services, infrastructure and participants in Gaia-X. The day closes with an **Open Discussion/Q&A** session, allowing attendees to engage directly with the Gaia-X Tech Team. All sessions will be held in a workshop and open discussion style inviting participation by anyone. The full Gaia-X Tech Team, including CTO and CINO, of course, will be available for individual sessions to listen to your concerns, to answer your questions, or to otherwise collaborate during the whole Summit on short notice: Just ask whom you want to talk to!

#### Partners Theater

The **Partners Theater** will feature collaborative discussions between Gaia-X and its key partners like Data Spaces Support Center (DSSC).

These parallel theatres provide attendees with tailored sessions to deepen their understanding of Gaia-X, from economic modelling to technical standards and partnerships.

#### 7. Useful Graphics & Links









**Gaia-X Website** 

**Summit Website** 

**Summit Banner** 

Summit Promo Video

#### 8. Gaia-X Pre-Event Press Release

#### Gaia-X Summit 2024: Empowering Global Data Spaces, Shaping Tomorrow's Cloud Infrastructure

**4 November 2024 Brussels, Belgium** – <u>Gaia-X</u> is thrilled to announce its <u>5th Summit</u>, "*Empowering Global Data Spaces, Shaping Tomorrow's Cloud Infrastructure*," on **14 and 15 November 2024** in **Helsinki, Finland.** 

The event will take place at Finnkino Tennispalatsi and is organised in partnership with <u>Gaia-X Hub Finland</u>, facilitated by the <u>Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions (NIIS)</u>, the <u>Finnish Ministry of Transport and Communications</u>, the <u>Finnish Transport and Communications Agency Traficom</u> and our partners <u>Dawex</u> and the <u>Data Space Support Center (DSSC)</u>.

The Summit will feature the evolution of Gaia-X technology with the new Gaia-X Digital Clearing House (GXDCH) components under the release name "Loire," which provides essential tools for automated compliance checking based on the Gaia-X Compliance Document 24.06.

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#### Additional Highlights of the Summit:

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Register now to join a global community of over 600 guests from around the world!

#### 9. Proposed questions to ask our invited guests

- What is the Loire release?
- What are the key benefits of using the Loire release?
- How can you become Gaia-X Compliant?
- Why is it important for Gaia-X to deploy the non-European Gaia-X Digital Clearing House (GXDCH) testbed in Japan?
- How does Gaia-X enable Legal and Organisational interoperability?
- How does Gaia-X enable Semantic and Technical interoperability?
- Who can run a Gaia-X Digital Clearing House (GXDCH)?
- What is the role of the Data Space Orchestrator in managing and coordinating activities within data-sharing ecosystems?
- What is the economic model developed by Paris Dauphine University?
- How do the Data Spaces Business Alliance (DSBA), Data Spaces Support Centre (DSSC), and Simpl collaborate to create a unified framework for Data Spaces through standards convergence?
- Gaia-X AISBL is a privately funded association, but how does it collaborate with the EU Institutions?
- How do cloud service providers and their customers profit from Gaia-X standards and ecosystems?
- Can Gaia-X support cloud service providers in complying with the European Data Act?
- How does Gaia-X help to make data more accessible?
- What are the main Business Opportunities in Decentralised Digital Ecosystems?
- How does the Gaia-X mission support the European Data Strategy?
- What does it mean that 'Data does not flow on rainbows', in practical terms?
- What are your expectations in terms of market share of Level-3 services?
- How does the Gaia-X AISBL empower the Gaia-X Developers Community, and Gaia-X Hubs and Ecosystems?
- What are the main deliverables from the Gaia-X AISBL?

#### 10. Ready to use hashtags

#GaiaX #GaiaXSummit24

#### 11. Annexes



Gaia-X Brochure (Mission & Vission; Strategy; Roadmap 2025)



**Gaia-X Label: Marketing Summary** 



Gaia-X Trust Framework:
Marketing Summary



Gaia-X Compliance Document:

Marketing Summary



Gaia-X Architecture:
Marketing Summary



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