

# Demystifying Gaia-X for the UK

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Open:UK  PURPOSE

DEVELOP UK LEADERSHIP  
AND GLOBAL COLLABORATION  
IN OPEN TECHNOLOGY



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## Community: Building a cohesive and visible Community around Open Technology in the UK:

- Awards
- NY Honours List
- Ambassador Program
- Supporters
- Sponsors and Doneors









## Influencing Legal and Policy to make sure the UK is a great place to do Open


- Invited to speak with UK Trade on aspects of treaty negotiations
- Joint report on UK and Open with OSOR 2020
- Amicus Brief in Google v Oracle decided 5 April 2021
- Review of new laws and policy, respond to consultations
- Future Leaders Report on Government Procurement
- Day One Member Gaia-X
- State of Open: The UK in 2021 Report – 3 Phases
- COP26 Blueprint for data centre & Sustainable Open Technology Day



European Commission

# Open Source Policy

## THE UNITED KINGDOM




1

General Information


The UK government has a strong history of promoting the use of open source software (OSS), first establishing relevant policies about 10 years ago. The Government Digital Service (GDS), a part of the UK Government's Cabinet Office maintains open standards chosen for use in government and requires equal consideration to be given to OSS and proprietary software in procurement.

2

Actors



Policy maker



Strategic player

The **Government Digital Service** is part of the Cabinet Office of the Government. It is the central team

**OpenUK** advocates for the use of open technologies including OSS, open source hardware, and open

<https://openuk.uk>



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IN THE  
**Supreme Court of the United States**

GOOGLE, LLC,  
*Petitioner,*

v.

ORACLE AMERICA, INC.,  
*Respondent.*

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BRIEF FOR AMICI CURIAE  
PYTHON SOFTWARE FOUNDATION, TIDELIFT,  
OPEN UK, AND PROTOCOL LABS, IN SUPPORT OF  
PETITIONER

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# Delivering a Digitalised Energy System

Energy Digitalisation  
Taskforce report  
Chaired by Laura Sandys CBE

An independent report sponsored by

  
Department for  
Business, Energy  
& Industrial Strategy

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The cover of the 'State of Open: The UK in 2021 Phase One' report features a background image of the Mars rover Perseverance on the red planet's surface. A large, complex lander module is shown in the process of being lowered by a crane from the sky. The scene is set against a hazy, orange-tinted sky.

## State of Open: The UK in 2021

Phase One  
March 2021



The cover of the 'State of Open: The UK in 2021 Phase Two: UK Adoption' report features a background image of the Mars helicopter Ingenuity in flight. The helicopter is shown from a low angle, with its rotors blurred to indicate motion. The background is a vast, flat, orange-tinted landscape under a hazy sky.

## State of Open: The UK in 2021 Phase Two: UK Adoption

7 July 2021

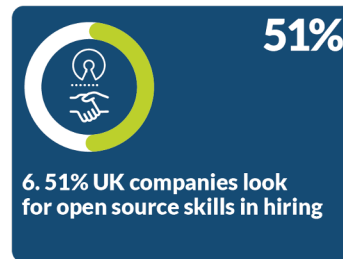
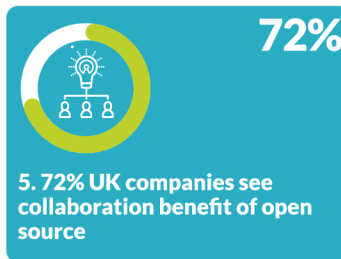
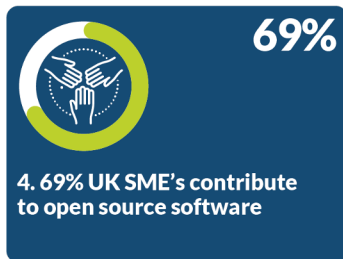
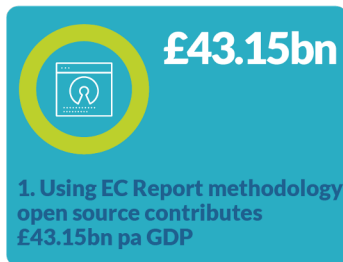


The cover of the 'State of Open: The UK in 2021 Phase Three: The Values of Open' report features a background image of the Mars rover Perseverance. The rover is shown from a side-on perspective, highlighting its complex mechanical structure and various instruments. The background is a rocky, orange-tinted landscape under a hazy sky.

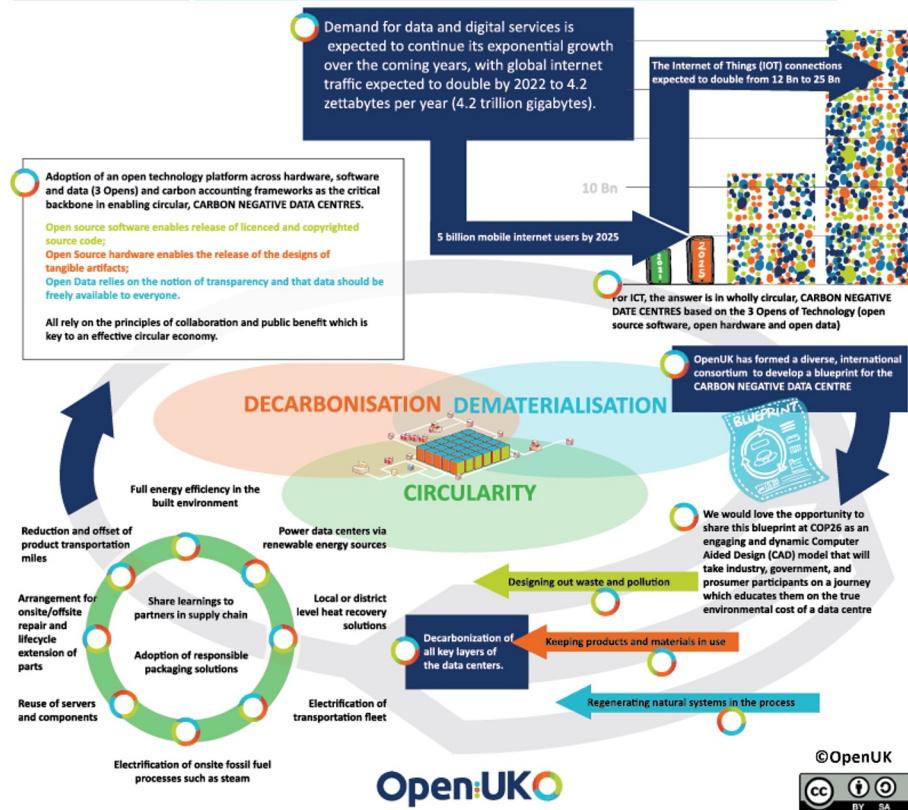
## State of Open: The UK in 2021 Phase Three The Values of Open

October 2021













The banner features a vibrant background of a blue sky with white clouds and a dense forest of trees in autumnal colors (yellow, orange, and red) at the bottom. In the center, the Open:UK logo (a circular icon with four colored segments: red, orange, green, and blue) is positioned above the text "Open:UK" in a large, white, sans-serif font. Below this, the phrase "Open Technology for Sustainability" is written in a slightly smaller, white, sans-serif font. Underneath the main text, the words "Sponsored by" are written in a small, white, sans-serif font. To the left of "Sponsored by" is the Red Hat logo (a red fedora hat) and the text "Red Hat" in white. To the right is the Federated Hermes International logo, which includes the text "Federated Hermes" and "International" in white, accompanied by a blue icon of three horizontal bars. At the bottom of the banner, the URL "openuk.uk/sustainability" and the hashtag "#openukcop26" are written in a small, white, sans-serif font.

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[openuk.uk/sustainability](https://openuk.uk/sustainability) #openukcop26



## Building Learning in Open Technology

- Annual Kids' Competition
- 8200 Digital Glove kits given away
- 2 Courses - second using OSD 10 definitions and Sustainable Development Goals
- Year one presented 20 October and Year 2 presented at COP26 11 November
- Digital Summer Camps
- Apprenticeship scheme – creating a Knowledge Module for 2022
- Curriculum – working on GCSE and Scottish equivalent for 2023
- University - Partnerships and Modules in 2022





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#### Camp 2 Episode 1



#### Camp 2 Episode 2











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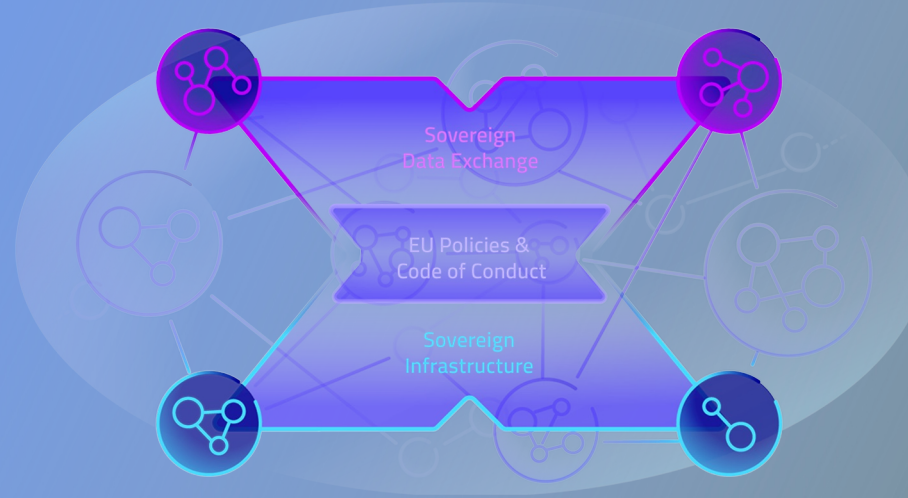


# OpenUK Gaia-X Day One Member and UK Hub Coordinator



**Innovation** through digital sovereignty – that's the goal of Gaia-X.

Achieved by establishing an **ecosystem** in which data is made available, collated and shared in a **trustworthy environment**. What emerges is not a cloud, but a **federated system** that links many cloud services providers and users together.





## EU calls for data economy



A real **data economy**, on the other hand, would be a powerful engine for innovation and new jobs. And this is why we need to secure this data for Europe and make it widely accessible. **We need common data spaces** – for example, in the energy or healthcare sectors. This will support innovation ecosystems in which universities, companies and researchers **can access and collaborate on data**.

(State of the Union Address on 16 September 2020)



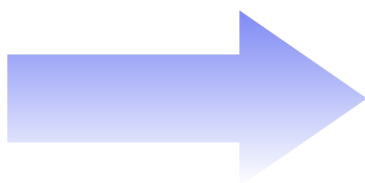
# From traditional Cloud to Gaia-X

- Concentrated
- Proprietary
- Opaque



Users **LET**  
Control

Trust &  
Sovereignty



- Distributed
- Open
- Transparent



Users **GET** Control



# What is Gaia-X?



## Our vision

Access and share data through a federated data infra-structure to ensure innovation for our future thanks to the next generation of Information Technology.



## European cooperation

Ensure the efficiency of European data infra-structure, based on European values and supported by the European Commission.



## Transparency

Secure open interfaces and standards to allow the aggregation of data while driving innovation and efficiencies within a transparent environment.



## Our objectives

Foster the creation, formation, roll out and growth of digital ecosystems that can be used commercially in and across data spaces.



## Maximum security

Maximise data sovereignty for business, customers and governments through services that ensure interoperability and privacy by design.



## Rights protection

Guarantee citizens' privacy as a human right and respect the sovereignty of other nations.

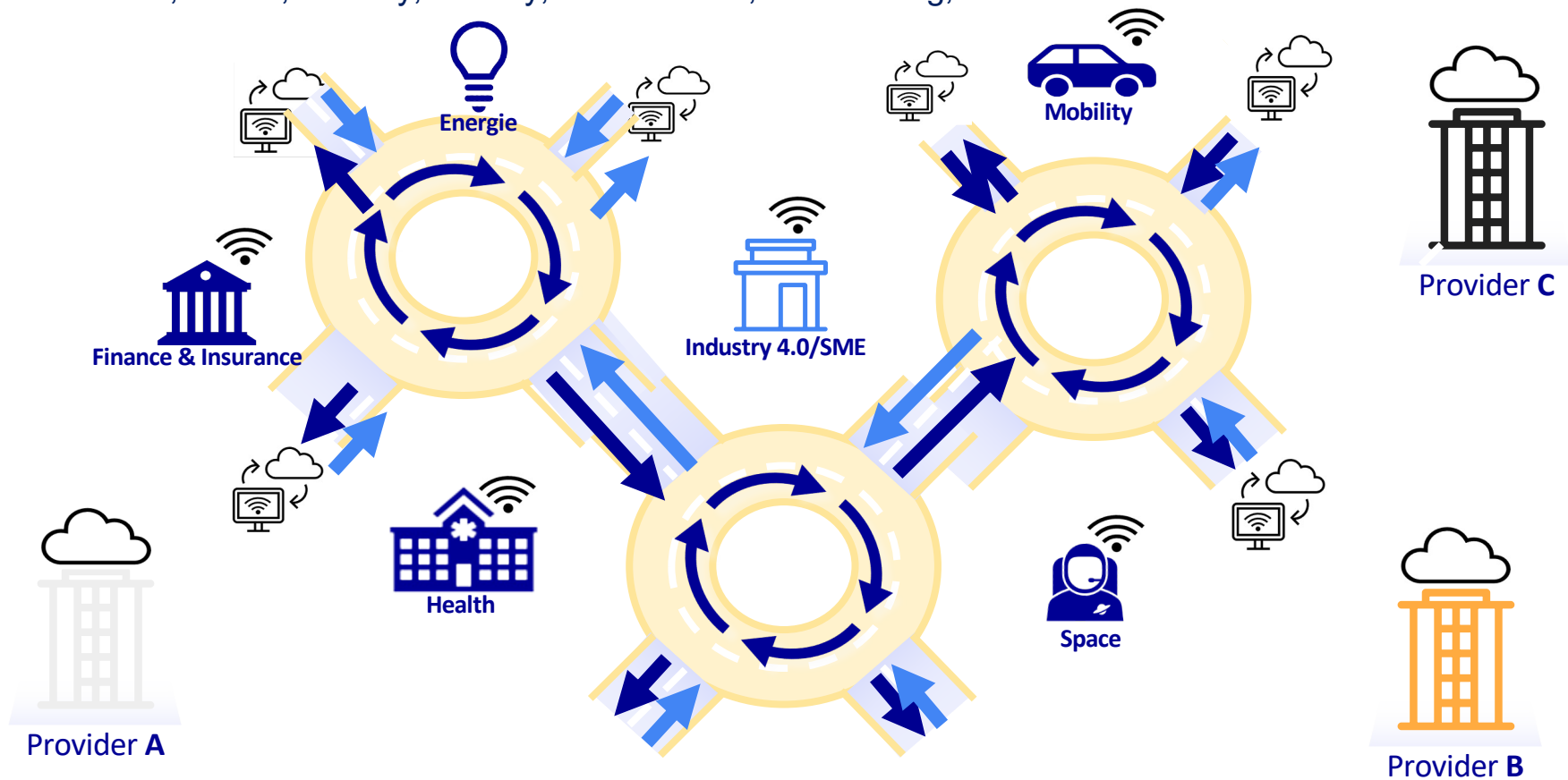


# Gaia-X Data Spaces and Use Cases



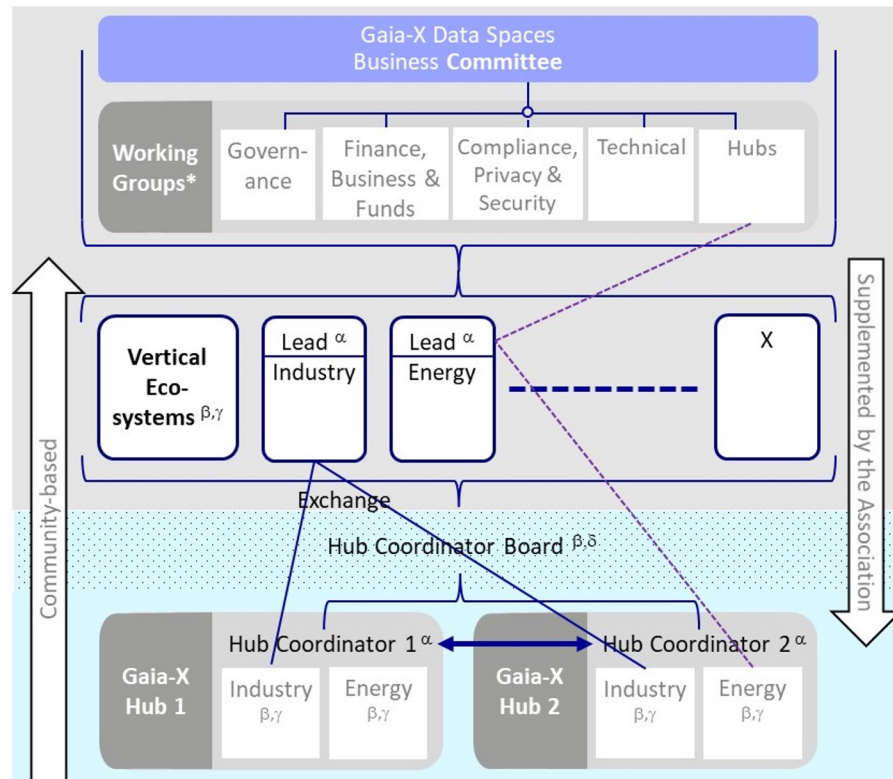
# 13 Data Spaces

Aerospace, Agriculture, Circular Economy, Education, Energy, Finance,  
Geoinformation, Health, Industry, Mobility, Public Sector, Smart Living, SPACE





# Gaia-X Data Spaces



$\alpha$  Membership in Association strongly requested

$\beta$  Alignment, Reporting, Feedback

$\gamma$  Lead and Vice Lead election and rotation may use the ruling of the Gaia-X Association

$\delta$  Proposal of Lead and Vice Lead candidates

\* Is subject to changes by the Gaia-X Association



# Gaia-X Dataspace Business committee



**DSBC** stands for Dataspace Business committee and gathers working group organized by vertical domain (Aerospace, Agriculture, Circular Economy, Education, Energy, Finance, Geoinformation, Health, Industry, Mobility, Public Sector, Smart Living, SPACE...).



**Position papers** of each of these dataspace describe the main goals, challenges and use cases foreseen to develop each of them.



**Share best practices** in terms of data exchange, promote common data format standards, learn from other experiences, be inspired and cross-fertilize use cases in order to support the overall expansion of the dataspaces.



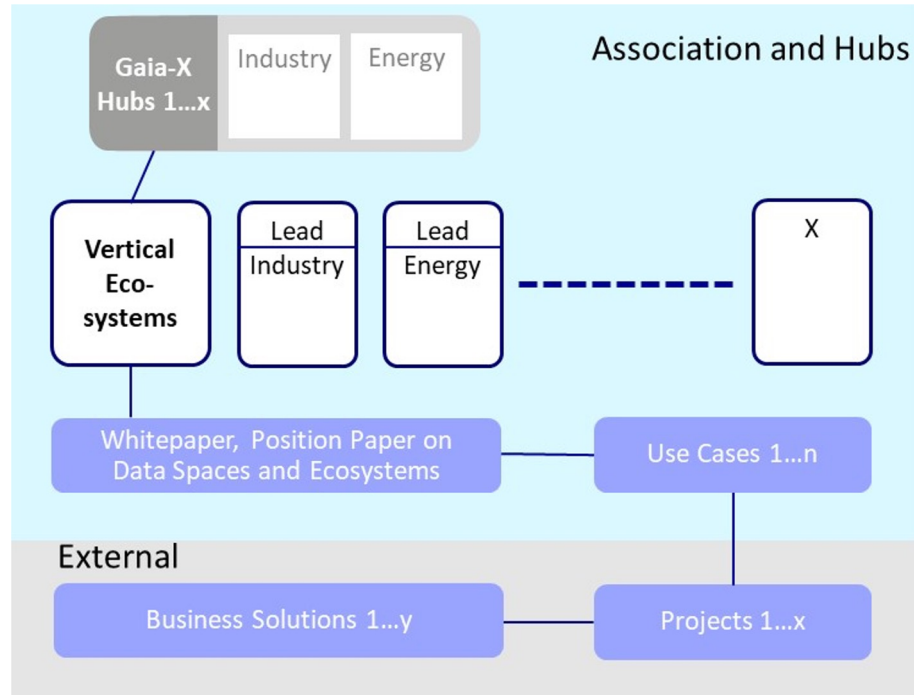
**First challenge:** obtaining a good level of data interoperability/quality which will for example faster and ease the creation of efficient and relevant decision making dashboard in each of their respective area.



**These dataspaces are creating value** thanks to the use of better data exchange : energy, finance, health, agriculture, mobility, education



# Gaia-X Use/ Business Cases





# Gaia-X Program Criteria

1. Aligned with the vision and the goals of Gaia-X (What is Gaia-X), <https://gaia-x.eu/what-is-gaia-x>
2. Adopt the Gaia-X policies, rules (PRD), architecture (AD) and the label document
3. Impact on EU economy and/or society
4. Pan-European scale (i.e. deploy and scale in more than one country)
5. Large potential user-base (i.e. small medium enterprises in addition to larger players)
6. Target scale and scale potential (i.e. the target scale after initial ramp-up and the longer-term scale potential)
7. Clear use cases, value/business case and deliverables
8. Critical mass of committed stakeholders
9. Openness: creating open ecosystems for data exchange, non-proprietary only (not monopolistic platform approaches)
10. Funded and resourced
11. Time to initial go-live and time to initial target-scale
12. Complementary to and linked to data spaces



# Gaia-X Business Cases and Lighthouse Projects



## More to follow

- Health-X (Philips, Siemens Healthineers, Sanofi, Takeda, Paris hospitals – APHP, Charite Berlin, etc.
- Mobility: Eona-X
- Energy-X
- EU Finance dataspace (Patrick Laurens-Frings, CDP)
- Aerospace
- Space ( Boost aerospace)
- Green deal Education



# Gaia-X Labels -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ER9H-biWOkA>



# Details on labels roles & levels

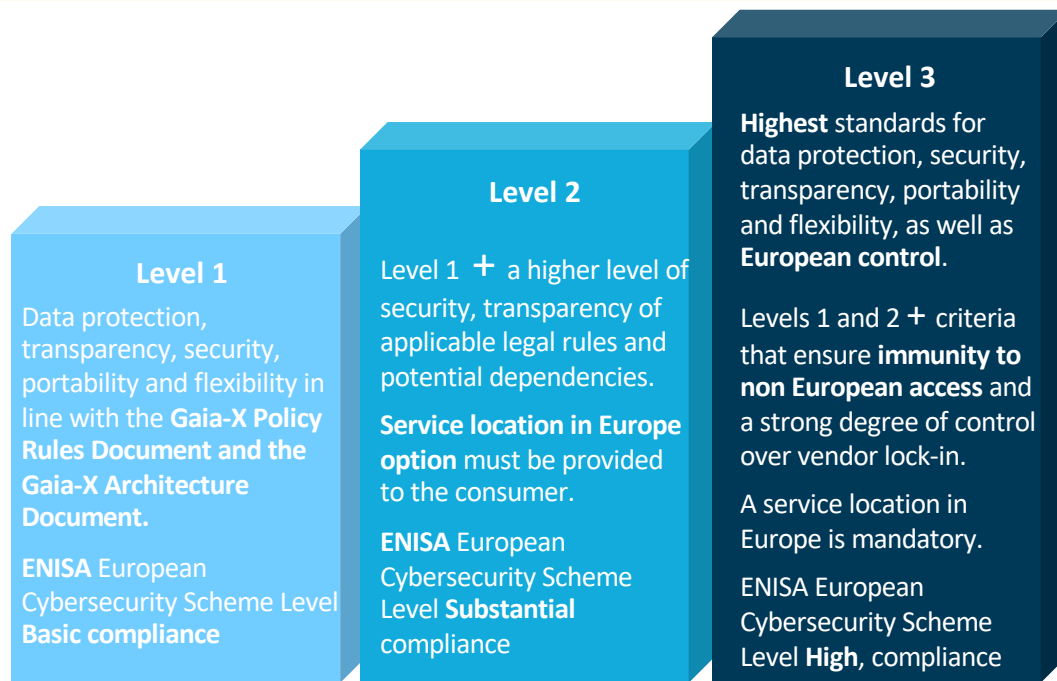


The Gaia-X Compliance and Labelling Framework identifies can serve both, Label Owners and Label Issuers:

- **Label Owners** – entities that decide to define a specific Label for their business.
- **Label Issuers** – entities, defined by the Gaia-X AISBL, that can implement and issue a Label.

## Basis labels issued by AISBL

- Gaia-X will verify the compliance of a service attributes according to those specified for a specific label, but **will let external authorities** (Governmental, Industrial Specific, Standardization Bodies, etc.) **the ability to define domain specific Labels.**
- Besides externally defined Labels, Gaia-X will define **three basic level of compliance criteria clusters,**





# LABELS ARE OBTAINED THROUGH GAIA-X SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION



## The Gaia-X ecosystem of services and data

### Advanced Smart Services

(Cross-) Sector Innovations /  
Market places / Applications

### Data Spaces

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

### Gaia-X Federation Services

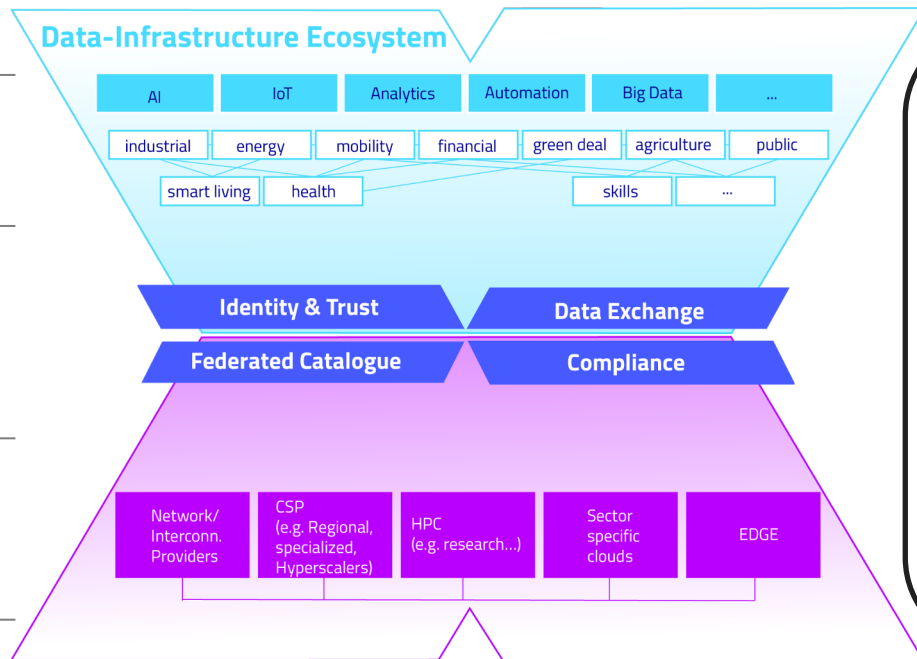
Federated & distributed for  
interoperability Trust & Sovereignty  
services

### Portability, Interoperability & Interconnectivity

Technical: Architecture of Standards  
Commercial: Policies

### Compliance

Legal: Regulation & Policies



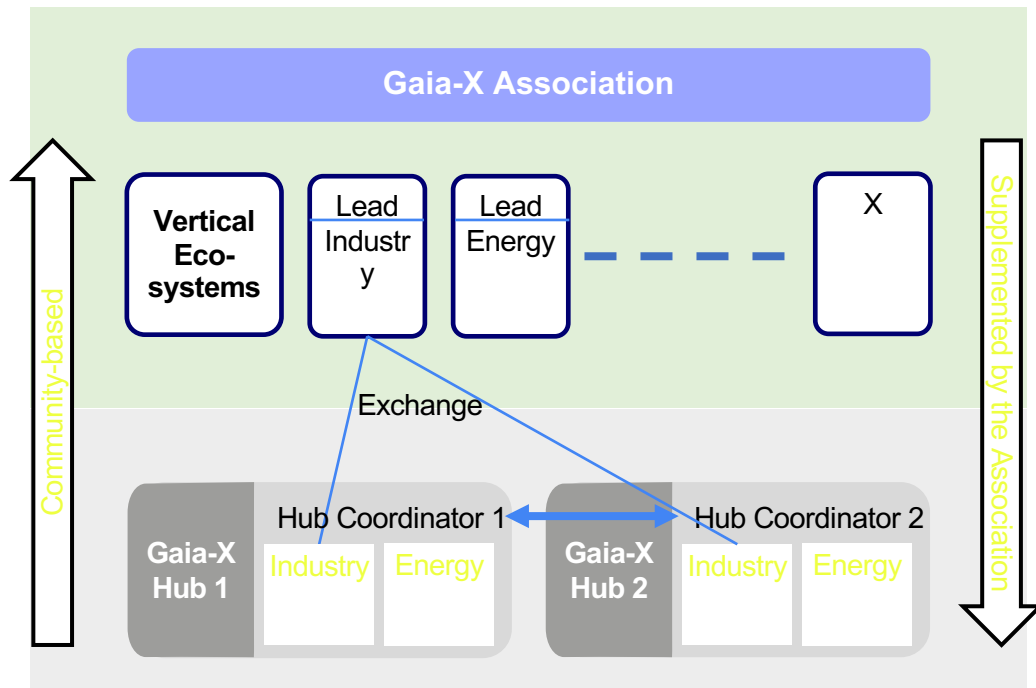
GAIA-X FEDERATION  
SERVICES HELP  
IMPLEMENTING  
COMPLIANCE  
GAIA-X DECENTRALIZED  
SERVICES VERIFY  
COMPLIANCE  
LABELS CAN BE OBTAINED  
IMPLEMENTING THE ABOVE



# Gaia-X Hubs



# The Gaia-X Hubs – How we collaborate with the Hubs





# The roles of the Gaia-X Hubs

- Building the local (UK) ecosystem
- Use case/ Business Case incubation



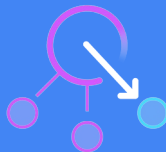
## Connect

Hubs connect potential Gaia-X stakeholders, both within and across different countries and sectors.



## Spread

Hubs increase user interest across Europe and globally to scale up the spread of use cases.



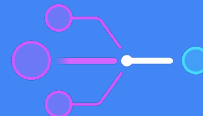
## Coordinate

Hubs liaise closely with the Gaia-X Association to define requirements, relevant regulations and policies.



## Consolidate

Hubs consolidate relevant initiatives within countries.



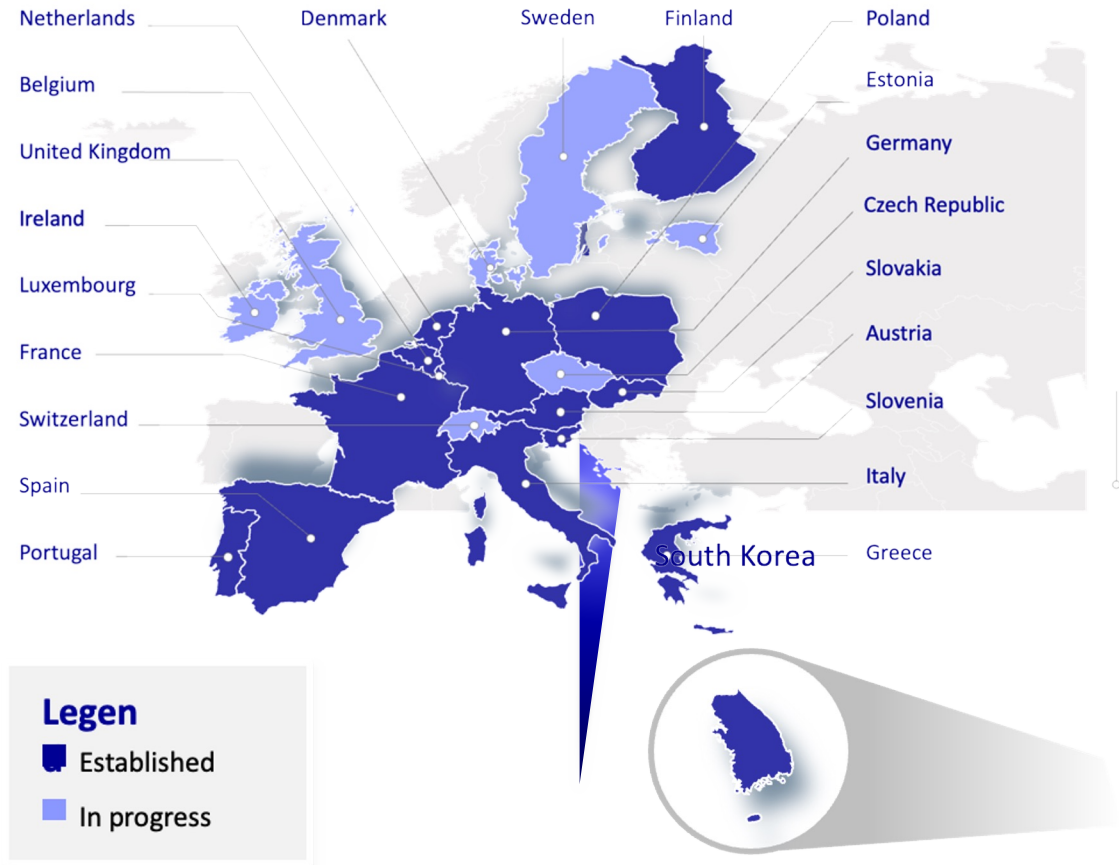
## Streamline

Hubs ensure efficient cooperation and avoid the unnecessary doubling up of efforts within a particular industry.



# Gaia-X Hubs & Gov Endorsement

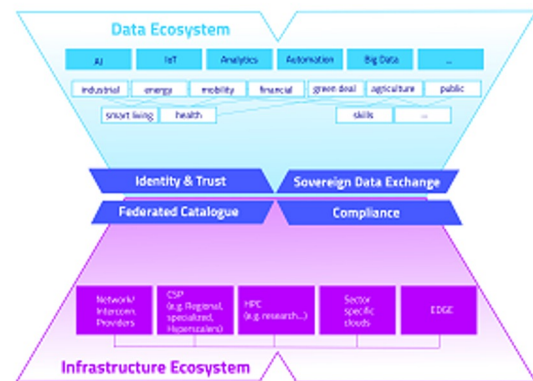
15 hubs, 1 International one (more on the way...)





# Gaia-X plot on existing NL coalition ecosystem : UK will do same

The Gaia-X ecosystem of services and data



Overall /  
Coordination

TNO innovation  
for life

VNO  
NCW



Ministry of Economic Affairs  
and Climate Policy  
of the Netherlands



European  
Commission

Applications /  
critical use cases



Health  
PHILIPS

Educatio  
n  
SURF

Mobili  
ty  
BOVAG

Governme  
nt  
VNG

Energy  
TENNET

Securi  
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Standardisati  
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Data

DATA SHARING  
COALITION

NL AI Coalitie

AMdEX

ISHARE

Platforms  
& Tools

ONLINE TRUST  
COALITIE

Dutch  
Blockchain  
Coalition  
connect and create

Information  
Infrastructure

CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE  
COALITION

Dutch Cloud  
Community

Communication  
Infrastructure

Future Network  
Services



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