



# EDC at the Eclipse Foundation

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# The Open Source Foundation of choice in Europe

## With a global presence, reach and reputation

Eclipse Foundation AISBL is based in Brussels  
Under EU-based laws and regulations, hosting code  
in Europe

Visit [eclipse.org/europe](https://eclipse.org/europe)



Europe



**BOSCH**



Daimler TSS



DLR



European Space Agency



**Fraunhofer**



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ceatech



USA



**ORACLE**



Asia



**Skymind**

# Eclipse Foundation Strategic Members

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# Governance principles



Transparency



Openness



Vendor  
Neutrality

# The Eclipse Foundation and Europe: Shaping The Future of Open Cloud

- > Europe is setting key industry standards around cloud services access, data privacy, and digital sovereignty
- > Gaia-X and Catena-X are major new initiatives rooted in Europe that will shape global cloud development
  - Gaia-X: 2500+ participants across 500+ institutions
  - Catena-X: 28+ partners from the automotive industry
- > Eclipse Foundation is the open source home for global, European-based open source cloud initiatives
  - Strategic open source partner for Gaia-x and Catena-X, hosting their open source development
  - Home to key open source projects, including cloud development platforms, cloud-native Java, DataSpace Connector, edge-native open source, AICE (AI, Cloud, Edge) Open Lab, etc.



gaia-x



IDTA



ECLIPSE  
FOUNDATION

# GXFS at the Eclipse foundation

## GXFS Work Packages

The banner features a gradient background from purple on the left to blue on the right. It contains five work package icons with their names and 'More Details' buttons:

- Identity & Trust**: Icon shows a document with a checkmark.
- Federated Catalogue**: Icon shows a book with a dashed circle around it.
- Sovereign Data Exchange**: Icon shows two documents with circular arrows between them.
- Compliance**: Icon shows a clipboard with a checkmark.
- Portal & Integration**: Icon shows a computer monitor displaying a document.

[www.gxfs.de](http://www.gxfs.de)

**GXFS toolbox** is a set of software components, source code, that is being developed inside the **Eclipse project**. Some of the advantages of using the Eclipse framework are, using a well-known operating model and having better visibility and attraction among the developer community.

Gaia-X Tech Monthly Newsletter - February

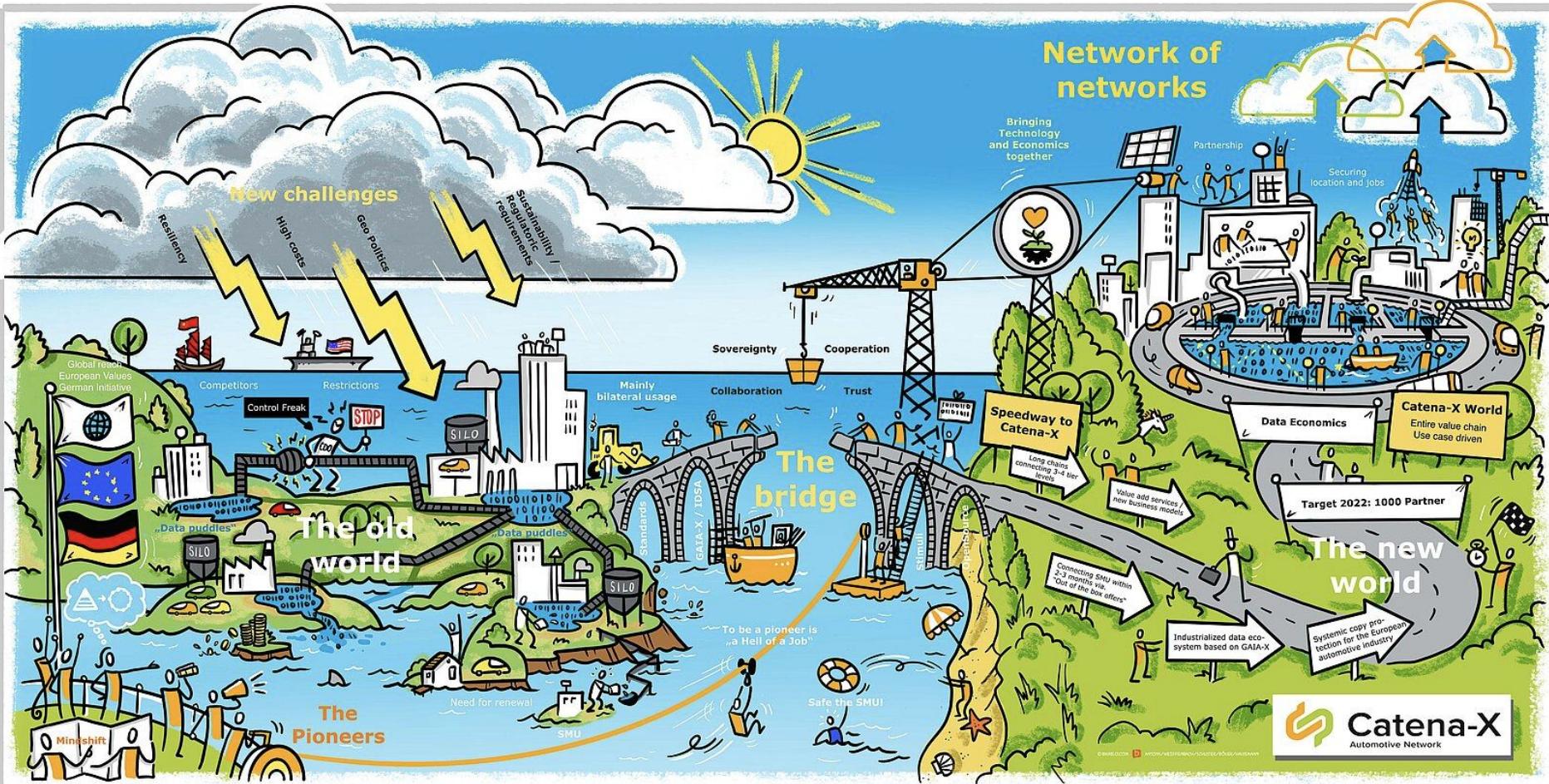
# Opensource project governances



	<b>Gaia-X association Governance</b>	<b>Eclipse Foundation Governance</b>
Contributions	Full control	Community driven
Releases	Full control	- Community driven under Eclipse name - Gaia-X association driven under Gaia-X project name (release)
Feature set & Prioritisation	Full control	Community driven
Legal	Gaia-X's Contributor License Agreement (CLA)	Eclipse's Developer Certificate of Origin (DCO)
Copyright owners	Gaia-X association	individual contributors
Trademark (project name)	Owned by Gaia-X association	Owned by the Eclipse Foundation

Concerned projects:

- Gaia-X Registry
- Gaia-X Compliance





# Catena-X Operating System / Architecture

## Data Sovereignty & Interoperability (europ. architecture)

Decentralized data rooms



Competition at application level

## One Operating System (decentralized, federated, FOSS)

Operating System on GitHub



Plug and Play - Standardized APIs

## Collaborative and agile product development

Eclipse Open Source Community

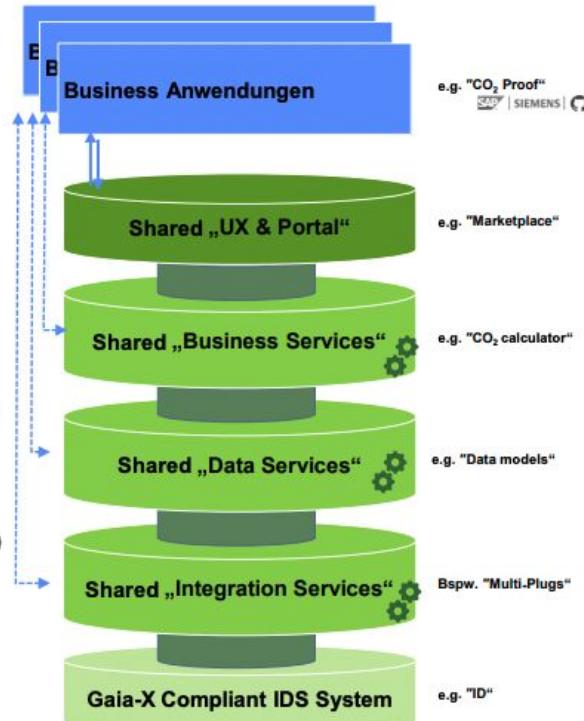


100% Agile working model



Competition  
among  
suppliers

ONE  
common  
network base  
for  
Catena-X  
(UseCase Zero)



# Eclipse Dataspace Connector (EDC)

## The Eclipse Dataspace Connector

- A 100% open-source platform to address the problems of data sharing
- Provides the technology you need to create and participate in a **secure dataspace**
- Backed by global partners

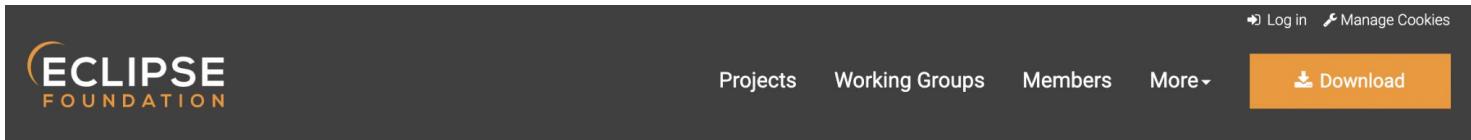


...T...Systems.



# Eclipse Tractus-X

[projects.eclipse.org/projects/automotive.tractusx](https://projects.eclipse.org/projects/automotive.tractusx)  
[github.com/eclipse/tractusx](https://github.com/eclipse/tractusx)



The screenshot shows the Eclipse Foundation website's header. It features the Eclipse Foundation logo on the left, followed by a navigation bar with links for Projects, Working Groups, Members, More (with a dropdown arrow), and a prominent orange "Download" button. On the far right of the header are links for "Log in" and "Manage Cookies".

Home / Projects / Eclipse Automotive / Eclipse Tractus-X

## Eclipse Tractus-X



This section of the screenshot shows the main content area of the project page. It includes a navigation menu with tabs for Overview, Downloads, Who's Involved, Developer Resources, Governance, and Contact Us. Below the menu, there is a detailed paragraph about the project's goals and focus on SMEs. There are also sections for Licenses (Apache License, Version 2.0) and Active Member Companies.

The companies involved want to increase the automotive industry's competitiveness, improve efficiency through industry-specific cooperation and accelerate company processes through standardization and access to information and data. A special focus is also on SMEs, whose active participation is of central importance for the network's success. That is why Catena-X has been conceived from the outset as an open network with solutions ready for SMEs, where these companies will be able to participate quickly and with little IT infrastructure investment. Tractus-X is meant to be the PoC project of the Catena-X alliance focusing on parts traceability.

### Licenses:

Apache License, Version 2.0

### Active Member Companies:

Member companies supporting this project over the last three months.



### Contribution Activity:

Commits on this project (last 12 months).



### RELATED PROJECTS

Project Hierarchy:

» Eclipse Automotive



## Open Source

The easy way to get started with your own Asset Administration Shell. Open source software provides you with a quick and easy way to create your own AAS or install your own server with your AAS. With the AASX Package Explorer you get a powerful editor for the AAS.

The [AASX Server](#) is ready for immediate use as a docker.

## Eclipse Foundation

In addition to allowing you to test the AAS, IDTA would like to provide you with open source software for use in products and systems. This productisation of the AAS takes place in the corresponding Eclipse projects.

The rules of the Eclipse Foundation, which have proven effective for many years, are used for this.

### To Eclipse Digital Twin Top-Level Project

## GitHub repositories

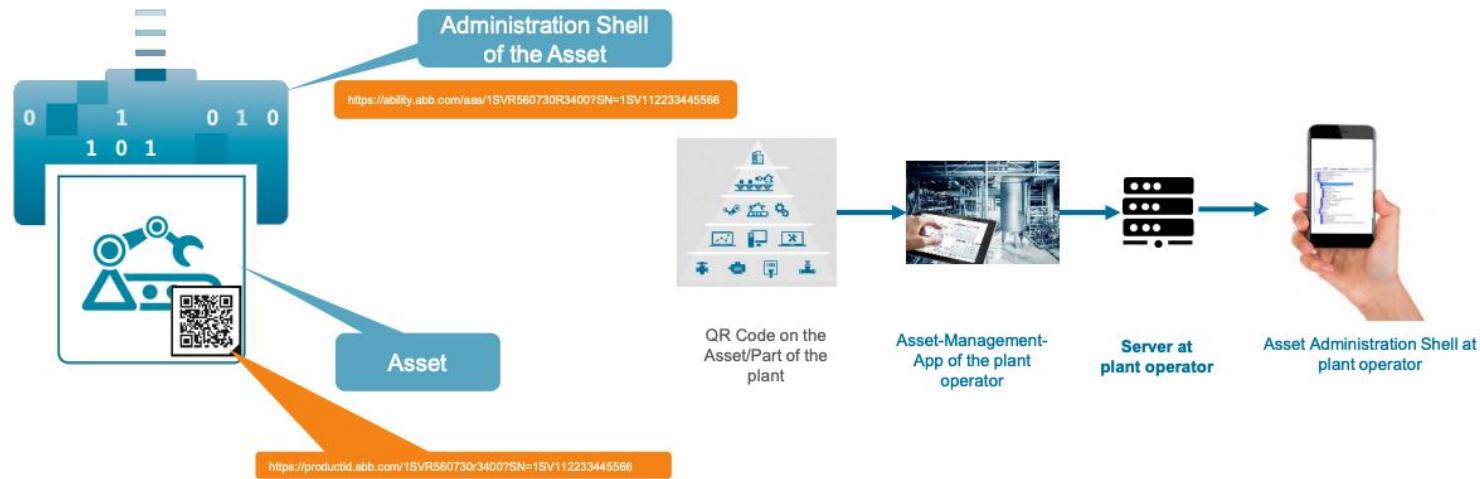
The source code of the open source projects is maintained in GitHub repositories. GitHub continuous integration constantly generates up-to-date versions for testing. Further GitHub repositories provide AAS submodels, specifications and FAQs.

[Go to Github](#)

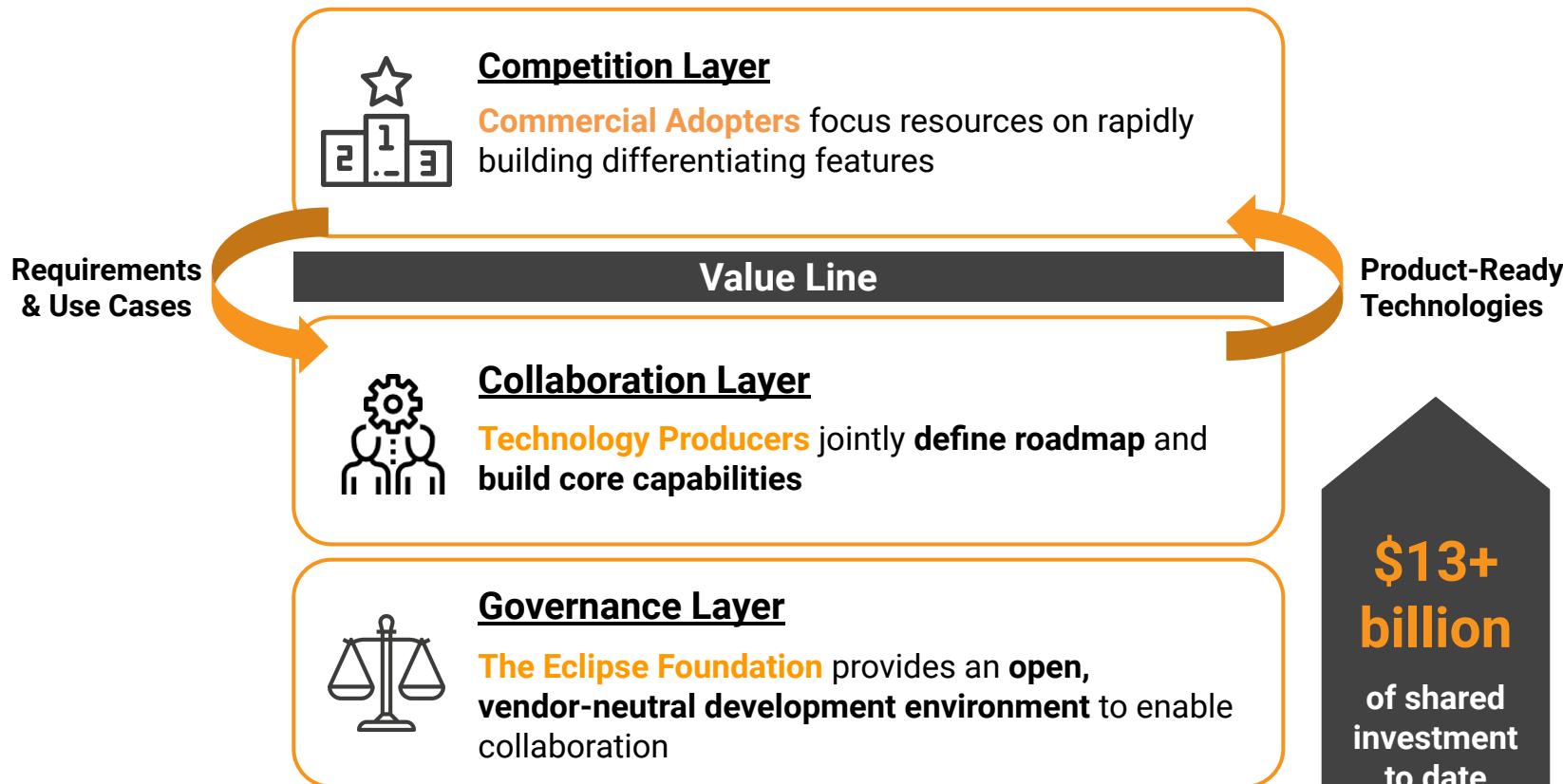
# The Asset Administration Shell

PLATTFORM  
**INDUSTRIE4.0**

## Access to the Asset Administration Shell Example: plant operator



# Our Impact: Open Innovation at Industrial Scale



# How an Association is Made



# Purposes of an Association



## GOVERNANCE

- Antitrust
- Bylaws
- IP Management
- AoA
- Processes



## OPERATIONS

- Specifications
- Development
- Community
- Infrastructure



## Hidden Motivation

- Main Control
- Licensing
- Gatekeeping

# Eclipse Foundation Working Groups

## Foundation in a box



### Vendor-Neutral Governance

Collaboration under a vendor neutral governance model



### Ecosystem Development and Marketing

Eclipse Foundation staff help build a community for collaboration through marketing and community programs



### Collaborative Management

Working groups coordinate the efforts of open source projects by providing a shared vision and roadmap



### Specification Development

Eclipse Working Groups use the proven Eclipse Specification Development processes that provides a framework for the development of specifications in open source



### Branding and Compatibility

Creating branding and compatibility programs to build a trusted ecosystem of implementers and consumers



### Research@Eclipse

The Eclipse Foundation participates in many government funded industry research projects

# How to get started with contribution - The first idea

	GitHub
Thriving developer community	✓
High quality code that solves complex problems	✓

## So which Open Source License should I use ?

# Thinking bigger?

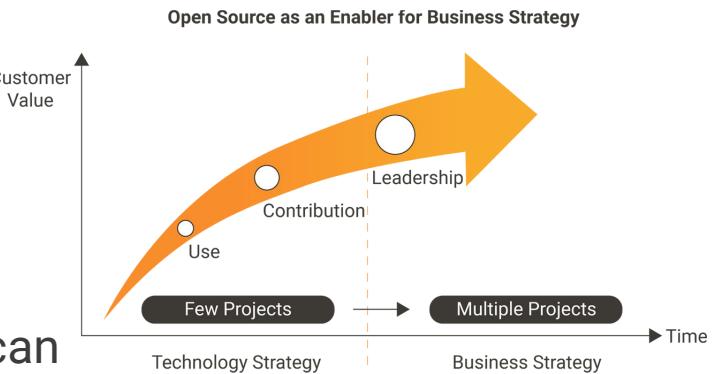
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Thriving developer community	✓	✓
High quality code that solves complex problems	✓	✓
Ecosystem development and marketing services to drive adoption and monetization		✓

## How do I control my Open Source Software?

# Disadvantages of single vendor approaches

- > Vendor wants to keep control
- > Usually ask for transfer of exclusive rights (CLA)  
=> can re-license future releases
- > Difficult to get other organisations involved =>  
limited protection of investments  
“Use” = yes  
“Contribute” = limited

But if they are ready to invest enough, users can  
use the Ultimate Weapon in Open Source:  
The Fork



# The Foundation way

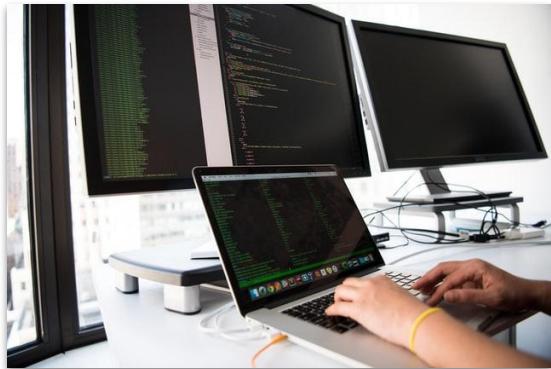
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<b>High quality code that solves complex problems</b>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Ecosystem development and marketing services</b> to drive adoption and monetization		✓	✓
<b>Predictable processes and guidance</b> to deliver large-scale innovation on a regular cadence			✓
<b>Vendor-neutral governance</b> model to support industry-wide collaboration			✓
<b>Business-friendly IP and licensing</b> services to enable commercialization			✓



# Eclipse Development Process

# Projects and Working Groups

## Projects



**Group of committers**  
Build code, specifications, documentation  
Meritocracy

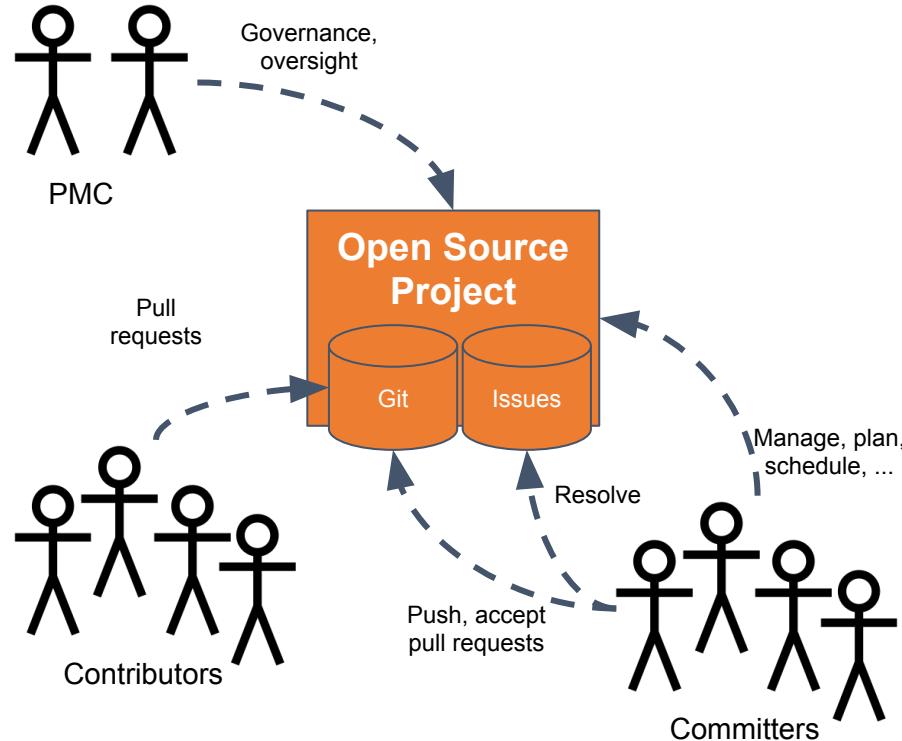
Transparent  
Open  
Vendor-neutral

## Working Groups



**Group of organizations**  
Focus, promote and augment Eclipse technologies  
Open Governance

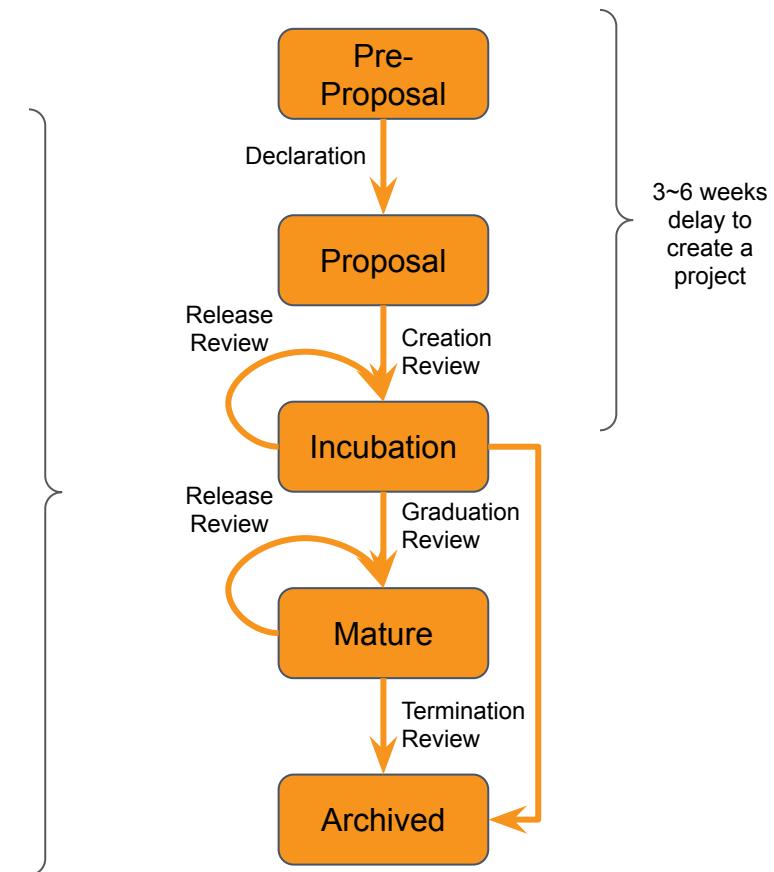
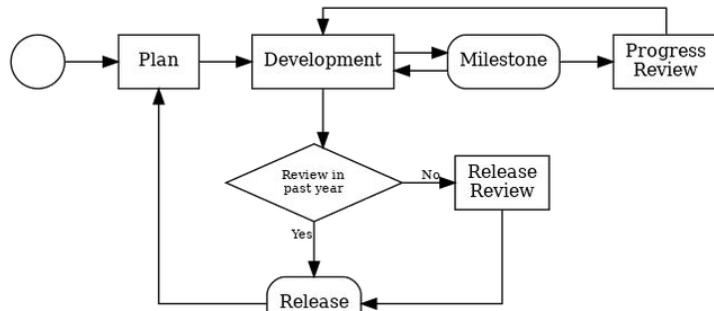
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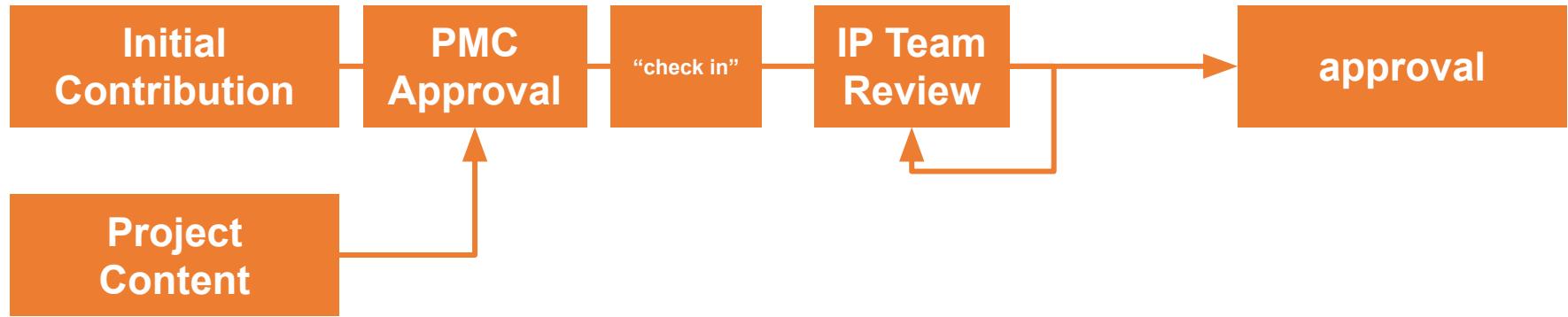
# Eclipse Development Process

## Rigorous and predictable processes and guidance

1. Fully documented: <https://www.eclipse.org/projects/handbook>
2. Prepare your code (Copyright Headers, Zip the source)
3. List Contributors
4. Engage with the IP Team (Send Initial Contribution)
5. Ask contributors to sign the Contributor Agreement
6. Move the code to Eclipse repo
7. Fix 3rd-party issues, if any → ensure license compatibilities
8. Make your first Eclipse release
9. Then follow the release process and graduate to “Mature” project:

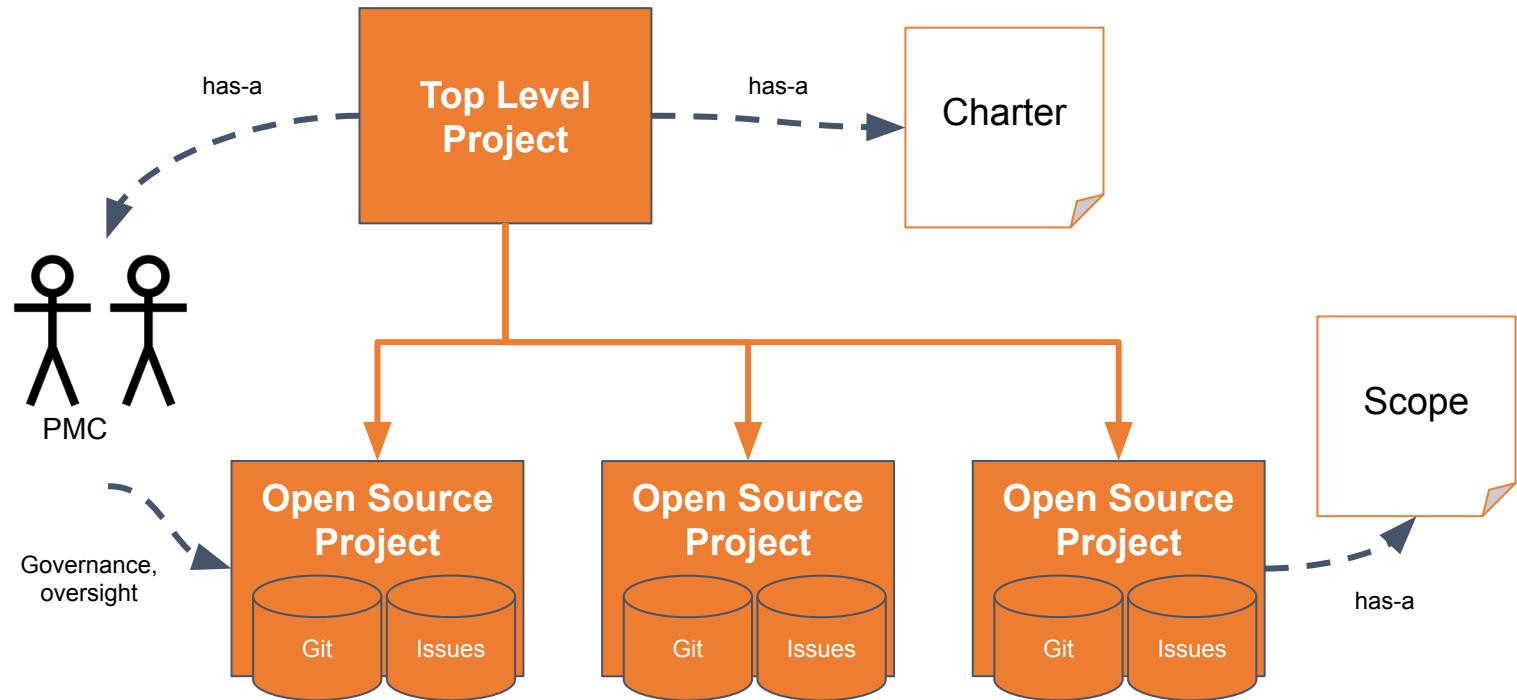


# Intellectual Property Due Diligence

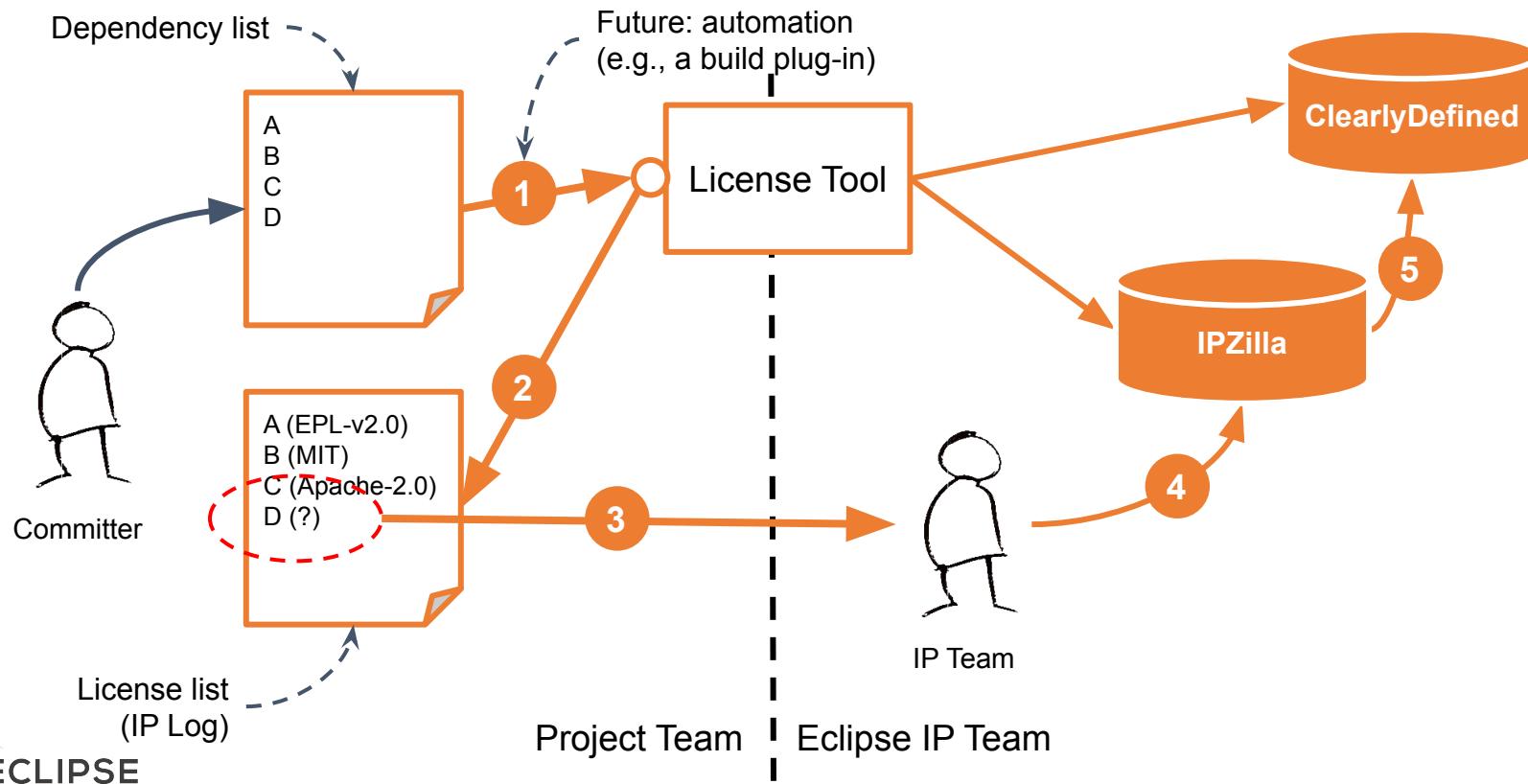


# Top Level Projects

PMC leads are approved by the Board of Directors  
PMC members are elected by the existing PMC leads and members, and approved by the EMO(ED)



# Third Party Content Due Diligence



# Eclipse Contributor Agreement

- Contributors must digitally sign the ECA
  - Confirms that contributor agrees to comply with the DCO
  - Contributors keep 100% of their IP
- Developer's Certificate of Origin
  - You have authored 100% of the content
  - You have the necessary rights
  - Provided under the project license(s)
  - Your contributions are public

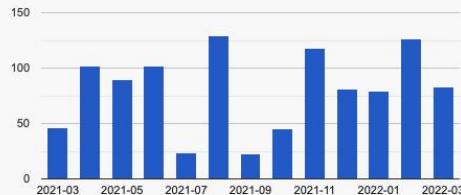
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# Eclipse Dataspace Connector

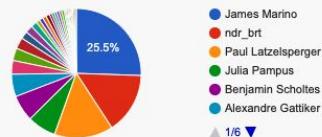
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Commits on this project (last 12 months).



### Individual Contribution Activity:

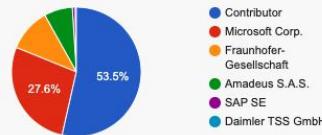
Commits on this project by individuals over the last three months.



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### Organization Contribution Activity:

Commits on this project by supporting organization over the last three months.



### Active Member Companies:

Member companies supporting this project over the last three months.



# By the numbers

## Contributors 34



+ 23 contributors

Project Lead



Markus Spiekermann

Committers



Alexandru Danciu



Florian Seidel



Franco Wolf



James Marino



Julia Pampus



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# The people behind EDC