



# **How to build secure Dataspaces with (F)OSS technologies in the context of IDS and Gaia-X**

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# Motivation



»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. And it is why we will build a European cloud as part of NextGenerationEU - based on **GaiaX**.«





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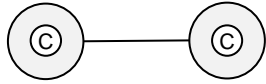
- *Cluster organizations from various interests (e.g. domain)*
  - *Including service provider and operating companies*
- *Enable collaboration for innovation and business models*
- *Elaborate on future requirements and challenges to be addressed*
- *Define common governance rules with democratic structures*
- *Require openness for new participants and technology*



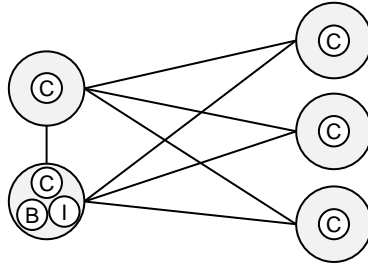
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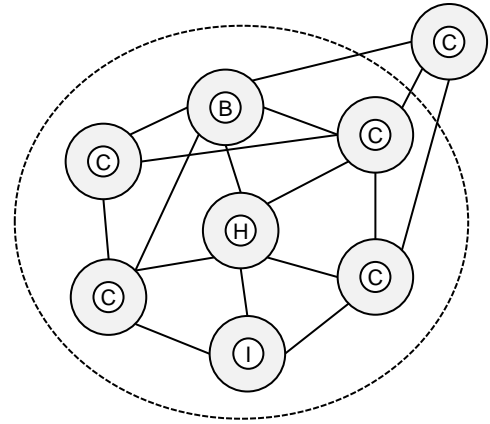
# Change of Data Exchange and Sharing



Bilateral data exchange



Closed group data exchange



Open and dynamic data exchange



# Mobility Data Space



- *Initiated by the German federal government's "Concerted Action on Mobility" committee in 2019*
- *Data sharing community to build the future of mobility*
- *Promotes forward-looking mobility services*
- *More than 200 stakeholders of German mobility landscape, science, business and government*
- *20+ use cases that were presented on the ITS Worldcongress 2021*
- *Productive operation planed from early 2022*



# Catena-X Automotive Network



- *Founding of Catena-X Automotive Network e.V. took place on 07.05.2021.*
- *Alliance for secure and standardized data exchange along the automotive value chain*
- *Offer network and technologies for collaboration and innovation*
- *Ensure the economic viability of all network partners*
- *Technical components and services incl. transfer and scale out*
- *Initial use cases, e.g. Traceability, CO<sub>2</sub> Footprint, Circular Economy, Demand and Capacity Mgt.*
- *Consortium of Industry, technology and platform experts*

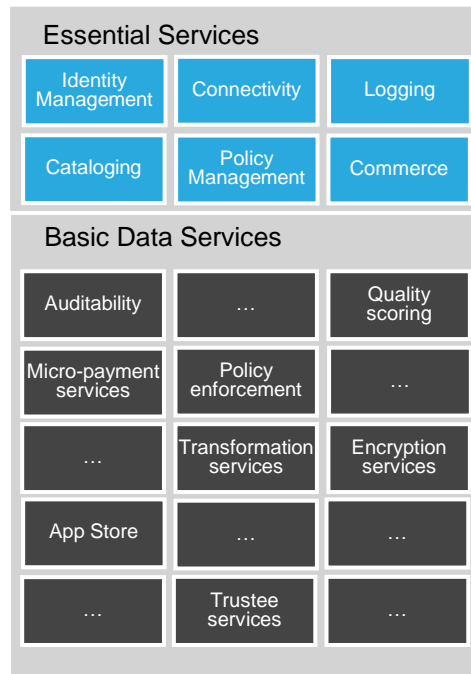
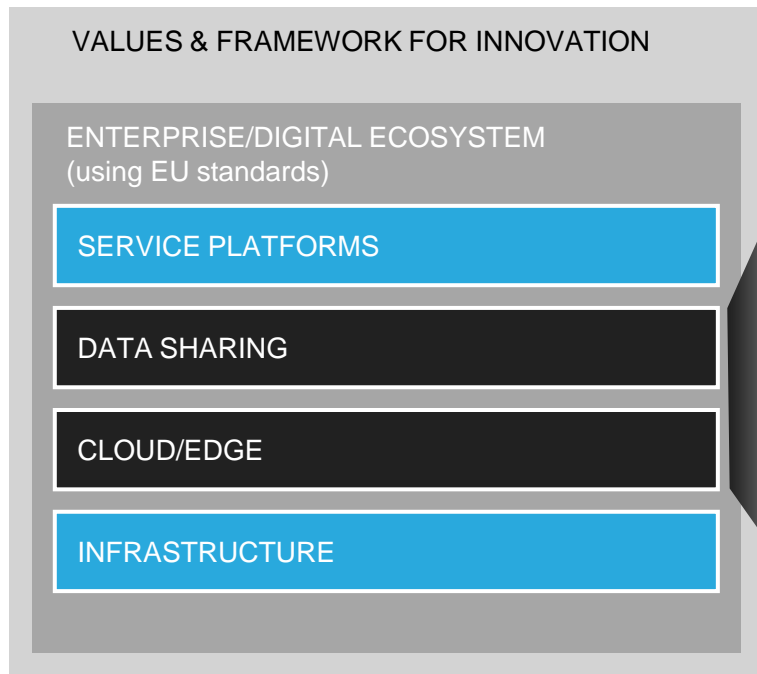






# Data Spaces

# What does a Data Space bring to the Table?



## Design Principles

- European values
- Secure and trusted
- Easy-to-use
- Federated, neutral
- Vendor-agnostic

## Need for Action

Implement technologies and governance for data spaces that enable and ensure transparency and data sovereignty, as end-to-end control by the data provider over the use of its data across corporate boundaries.



# International Data Spaces

	IDS	Gaia-X
Rationale	How to keep data sovereignty in data sharing?	How to keep sovereignty over data and services in the cloud?
Institutionalization	Non-for-profit registered association according to German law	Non-for-profit registered association according to Belgian law
Members	130+	310+
Data Space Scope	Within data spaces	Within data spaces Across data spaces
Key Deliverables	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Specification</li> <li>2) Certification</li> <li>3) OSS Community</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Specification</li> <li>2) Labelling and Compliance</li> </ol>
Geographical Focus	International	International w/ strong European »flavor«
Architecture Design	Federated	Federated
Key Architecture Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– IDS Connector</li> <li>– IDS Essential Services (e.g. Clearing House, Broker etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Gaia-X Registry</li> <li>– Gaia-X Trusted Framework</li> <li>– Gaia-X Federation Services</li> </ul>
Certification Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Component Certification</li> <li>– Certification of Operations Environment (based on ISO 27001)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Self-Certification based on Self-Descriptions</li> <li>– Compliance Service for claim validation</li> </ul>



# New challenges arise!

- *Catena-X, Mobility Data Space, and other initiatives present various sharing challenges*
  - *Support for data flow and transfer protocols to handle diverse data types*
    - *Push, Streaming, Large Volumes, Realtime, Code2Data*
  - *Cataloging across many providers*
  - *Policy management that traverses multiple infrastructure layers*
  - *Need for extensibility and modularity to accommodate diverse needs and use cases*
- *Different architectures and implementations for data space services*
  - *Organizations participate in various data spaces*
  - *Connection and interoperability with multiple data spaces*
  - *Identity across multiple jurisdictions*

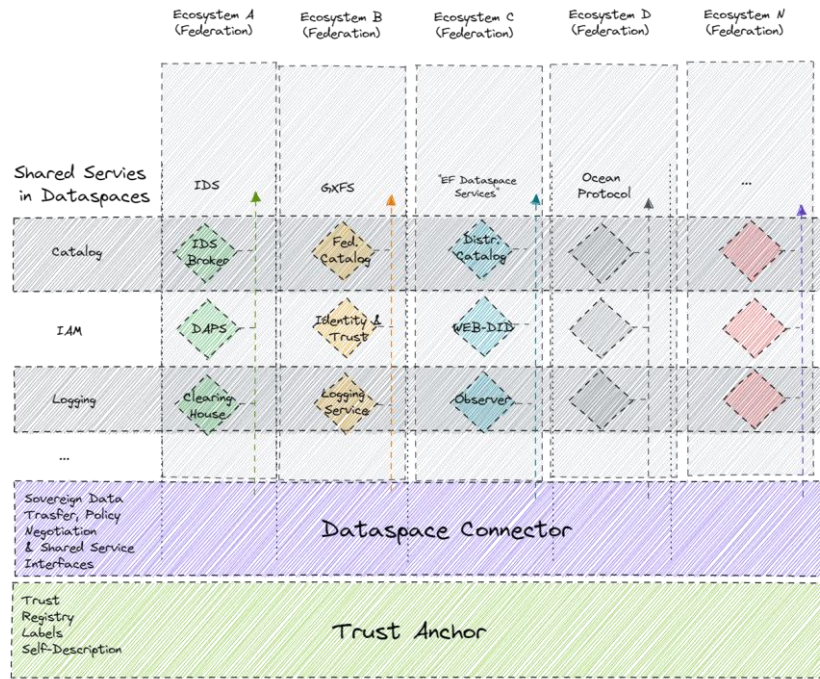


# We need a decentralized design

- *Participants of a dataspace must have **control** over their data they share with whom*
- *Autonomy starts with controlling **identity**, if you are not in control of your identity you can't act autonomous*
- *Participants need to decide who they **trust** on in a case-by-case basis*
- *Participants in a dataspace must be based on **rules** that apply to everyone*
- *No central control system can make arbitrary **decisions** on individual participation*
- *Decentralized systems are **resilient** and provide higher **availability***
- *No central system that holds the keys to the entire federation – to improve the **security***
- ***Interoperability** of heterogenous environments with many different technologies and operating models*
- *Transitive trust based on common **trust anchors***



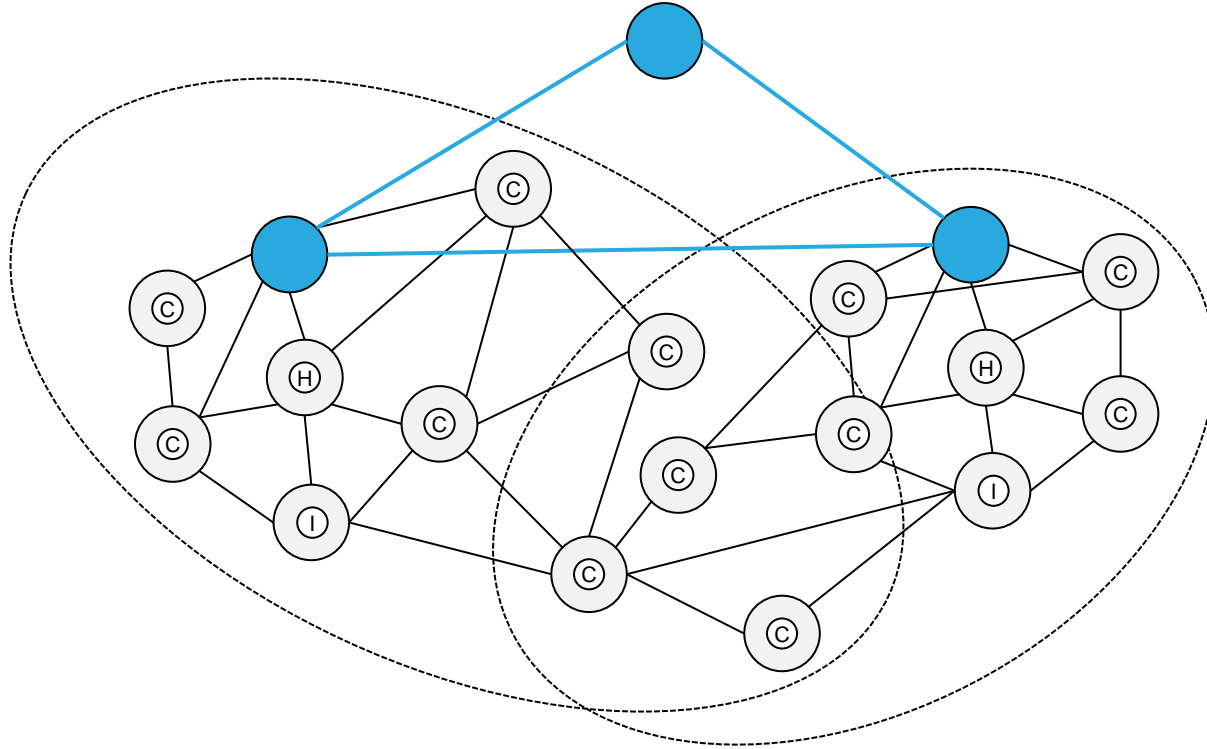
# Big picture of dataspace technologies



\* Depending on further specification and implementation phases, components defined by one standard can be (partly) compatible to others as well (e.g. IDS <-> Gaia-X)



# Implications of Ecosystems and Data Spaces





# Eclipse Dataspace Project



# Eclipse Dataspace Connector

- *Started in June 2021*
  - *Official Eclipse Foundation project*
  - *Apache 2.0*
- *12 active committers*
  - *43 contributors*
  - *>750 Pull requests*
- *Based on Java*
  - *Minimal dependencies*
- *Platform architecture*
  - *Scalable, Highly Available, Customizable*



# EDC Architecture & Components

## Architecture

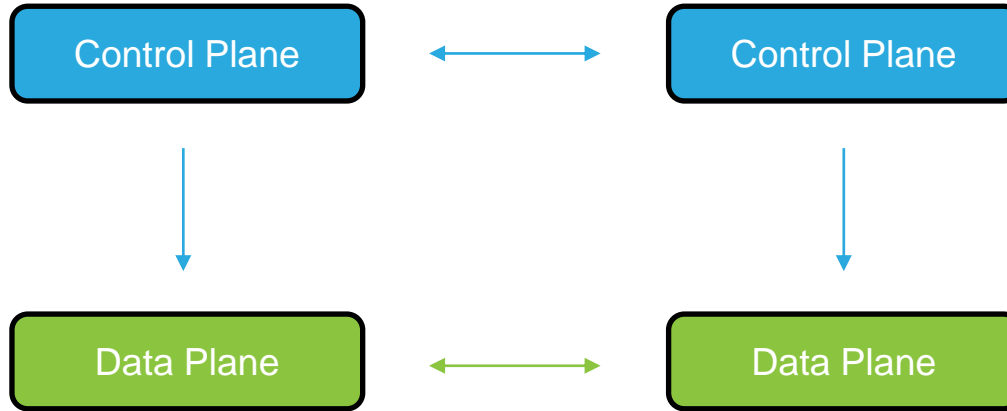
- *Separation of Control and Data Plane*
- *Extensible through Java SPI*
- *Acts as an orchestrator for data transfer*
- *Asynchronous processing for maximum scalability*
- *Decentralized Identity Management with customizable Trust Anchors*

## Components

- *EDC Control Plane*
- *EDC Data Plane*
- *Federated Catalog Node*
- *Federated Catalog Crawler*
- *Policy Management*
- *Data Asset Management*
- *Identity Hub*



# Control Plane and data Plane



- Verification
- Contract negotiation
- Oversee policy enforcement
- Manages provisioning

- Moves bits
- Big Data
- Streaming
- Events

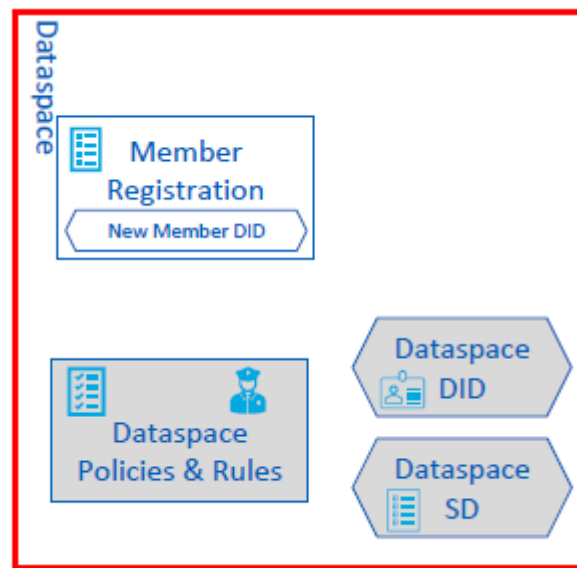
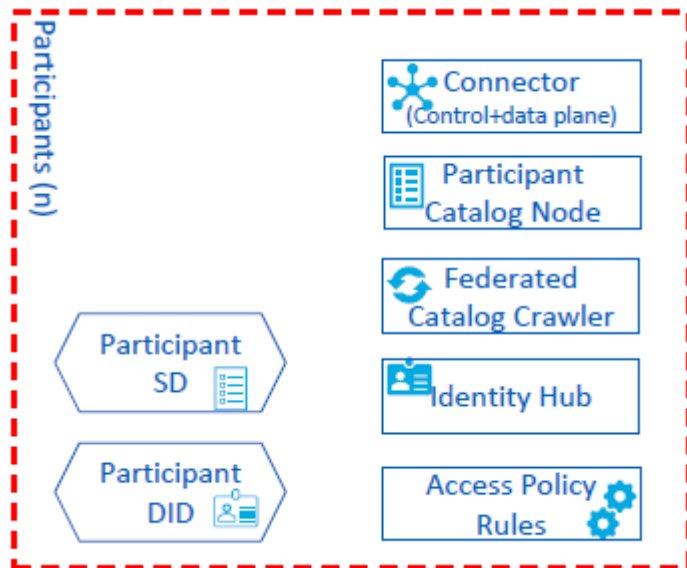


# Minimum Viable Dataspace

- *The Minimum Viable Dataspace (MVD) is a sample implementation of a dataspace that leverages the Eclipse Dataspace Connector (EDC).*
- *The main purpose is to demonstrate the capabilities of the EDC,*
- *make dataspace concepts tangible based on a specific implementation, and to serve as a starting point to implement a custom dataspace.*
- *The MVD allows developers and decision makers to gauge the current progress of the EDC and its capabilities to satisfy the functionality of a fully operational dataspace.*
- *serves the purpose of demonstrating how decentralization can be practically implemented.*



# Minimum Viable Dataspace



# Contributors, Committers & Partners

- *Fraunhofer*
- *T-Systems International*
- *BMW*
- *Mercedes-Benz*
- *SAP*
- *Amadeus*
- *Microsoft*
- *ZF Friedrichshafen*
- *Amazon AWS*
- ...



# Key takeaways

- The EDC is **completely FOSS** supported by various companies
- The EDC (through Eclipse Foundation) has clear and **accepted governance** structure and community processes
- The EDC is **more than connecting a database**
- The EDC manages **data transfer and flow inclusive management of contract and policy management** in cloud-native environments
- The EDC follows a **modular system** to serve as facilitator
- We have a good foundation already **present on Github**
- There is still work to do
- We **welcome everyone** to drive the idea and grow the community



# Further information and contact

*General project information:*

- <https://projects.eclipse.org/projects/technology.dataspaceconnector>

*Github-Repository:*

- <https://eclipse-dataspaceconnector.github.io/DataSpaceConnector/#/>
- <https://github.com/eclipse-dataspaceconnector/DataSpaceConnector>
- <https://github.com/eclipse-dataspaceconnector/MinimumViableDataspace>

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