



# **Al4Europe discussions: Security collaboration**

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## **Outline**



**I-NERGY** introduction

Security Framework (T3.6) overview and approach

Potential collaboration directions







Deliver an energy-specific open modular framework for supporting AI-on-Demand in the energy sector (AI4 Energy)

Based on state-of-the-art AI and Data technologies

O1. Reinforce the service layer of the Al-on- O2. Reach out to new user domains and demand-platform:

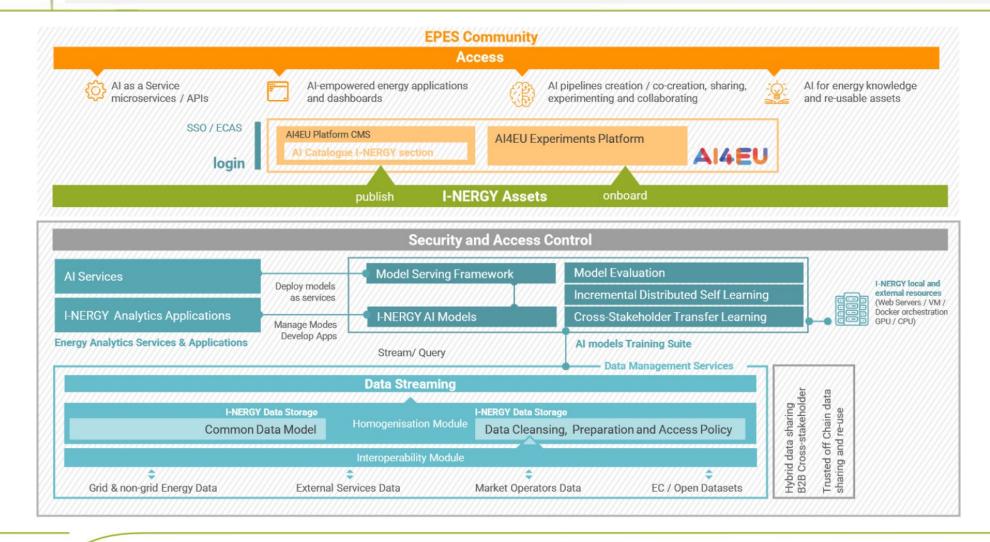
boosting the use of the platform through use cases and small-scale experiments:















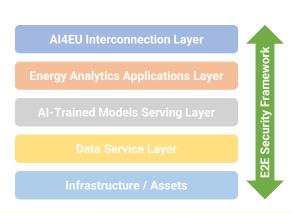


#### Objectives

- Provide high-level security, fine-grained access control, anonymization and encryption across the architectural components
  - data exchange, data analytics, energy and building services
- Guarantee that the platform keeps the information safe, prevents any unauthorized actions and enhances the trustfulness among stakeholders, taking into account legal and security policies and mechanisms
  - authentication, authorization, auditing, policy-based management, and data encryption
- Every developed component will undergo a validation process against data protection requirements

#### Key concepts

- Privacy
- Anonymization
- Authentication, Authorization, Auditing
- Encryption
- Vulnerabilities/flaws detection and mitigation
- Involved entities: data, infrastructure/assets, services + AI/ML/BD, end-users



#### Inputs

- WP2 architecture
- WP3 data services requirements
- WP4 AI services requirements
- Cloud infrastructure
- AI4EU interconnection

#### Outputs

Platform deployment and services instantiation







Security Framework is an I-NERGY vertical layer, spanning all I-NERGY components/assets, which provides high-level security, fine-grained access control, auditing, management and encryption of inter-service traffic, ...

## Approach, toolset

### Keycloak

Authentication, auditing, fine-grained authorization policies



#### Istio

Service mesh microservices composition for application-level security and secure service integration



#### Wazuh

Vulnerability detection and mitigation, threat intelligence framework









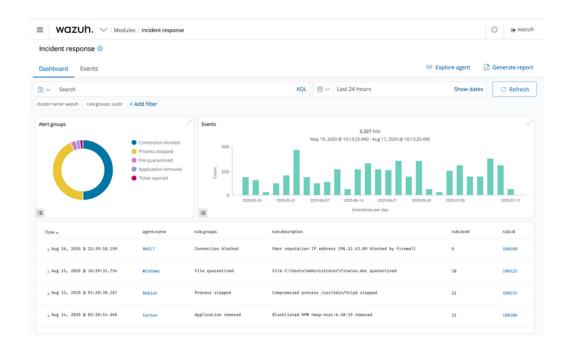
An open-source platform enabling security data monitoring and analysis, focusing on endpoint/cloud security, threat intelligence and security operations

Central cloud platform <> distributed lightweight agents Features:

- Configuration assessment
- File integrity monitoring
- Threat hunting
- Vulnerability detection
- Log data analysis
- Malware detection
- Audit and compliance
- Container security

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# wazuh.









Security and vulnerability monitoring on all I-NERGY cloud resources via Wazuh agents

Cloud environment compliance analysis

Cloud environment hardening (primarily OS-level)

Penetration testing using common attacks

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Figure 4: Wazuh overview during abnormal functionality of the system.



Figure 6: CIS benchmark result of the master node.







Are there use cases for Wazuh in the AloD Platform?

Security scans for Docker containers that are referenced by the platform? E.g. AI4EU Experiments?

Security Scans for other types of artifacts?

Sustainability: who could operate the server beyond I-Nergy project?

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# Potential collaboration directions regarding Wazuh

AIOD platform and related infrastructure:

- Security/vulnerability scanning
- Continuous security/vulnerability monitoring
- Penetration testing
- Compliance benchmarking, e.g., CIS (OS images etc.)
- Security hardening

Security/vulnerability scanning of new/existing uploaded/onboarded AIOD assets (or periodic)

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## Keycloak – overview



### Keycloak AAM (<a href="https://www.keycloak.org/">https://www.keycloak.org/</a>)

Open-source identity and access management platform Features:

Admin Console, Account Management Console, Standard Protocols (support for OpenID Connect, OAuth 2.0, and SAML), Single-Sign On, Identity Brokering and Social Login, User Federation, Client Adapters

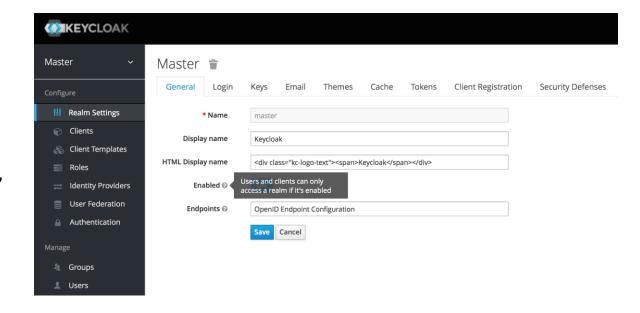
#### Keycloak authorization

Attribute-based access control (ABAC), Role-based access control (RBAC), User-based access control (UBAC), Context-based access control (CBAC), Rule-based access control, Time-based access control, Custom access control mechanisms (ACMs)

Keycloak auditing

**Event logs** 











#### Authentication and authorization

- Role-based access control (RBAC)
- Event logs and auditing

Each I-NERGY service or tool integrates a Keycloak client adapter (OpenID Connect protocol)

EU Login (ECAS) integration via Keycloak as identity provider





# **Open Questions regarding Keycloak and AloD**

Packaging Keycloak as a (preconfigured?) Docker AAM extension for some AIOD assets

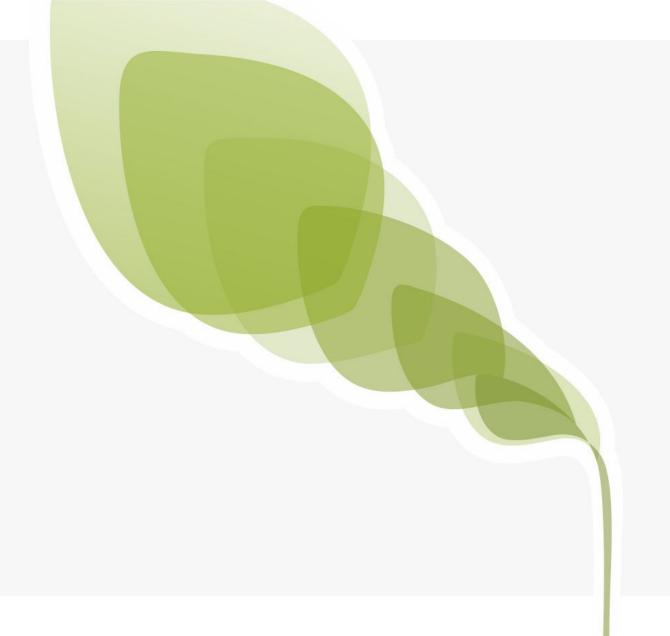
Common SSO, EU Login for services/tools, or uploaded assets?

How could EU-Login and Keycloak be integrated?

- cascaded? => Contradicts EU-Login usage policy...
- Can EU-Login be used for authorization => take the role of Keycloak?
- Shall each subsystem be responsible for fine grained permissions?
- Who could operate Keycloak beyond I-Nergy project?
- What are the positions of the EC and Al4Europe on this?

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# Thank you!

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