GAIA-X: perspective on a structuring initiative for industry and Europe

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GAIA-X is motivated by challenges to the European digital economy

- Decentralised processing locations
- Multiple technology stacks
- Insufficient clarity about the applicable jurisdiction
- Absence of widely accessible application programming interfaces (APIs)
- Multiple stakeholders and difficult accessibility of existing data and infrastructure services
- Lack of transparency and sovereignty over stored and processed data and infrastructure
- Sector-specific data spaces and lack of ontology
GAIA-X provides a user-friendly and homogenous ecosystem of services and data.
GAIA-X Policy Rules

• Defines **mandatory rules** which providers need to fulfill to join the GAIA-X Community and declare services. Additional optional rules

• Adherence to rules are **demonstrated by self-declaration or third party certification** depending on agreement within the GAIA-X governance. Existing tools (e.g. Codes of Conduct, ISO Standards, etc.) may be used to demonstrate effectiveness.

• Rules are based on market **existing good practices or additional GAIA-X rules useful to address GAIA-X objectives**

• 2 set of rules proposed from joint FR/DE working group:

![Infrastructure Policy Rules](image1)

![Data & Software Policy Rules](image2)
GAIA-X Policy Rules : Areas covered

- Area covered are :
  - Data Protection / GDPR
  - Security
  - Reversibility
  - Company Policies
  - Location
  - Contract
  - Reporting
  - Service Continuity
  - Data Sharing

- Items linked to the areas are distributed within the 2 documents, regarding relevance to the topics
GAIA-X timeline

- Oct. 19: 1st FR / DE Minister announcement
- Nov. 19: 1st FR / DE industrial meeting
- Feb. 20: FR / DE joint Position Paper
- Apr. 20: Meeting with EC
- Jun. 20: Legal entity announcement + Policy Rules + Technical papers
- Sept. 20: Legal entity in place
- Nov. 20: GAIA-X Summit
- Q1/21: MVP
- End. 21: 1st Edge demonstrator

- New Members can join “Day-1” Incl. other Member States
- Use Cases presented + updated documents
THANK YOU!

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