

Data Spaces Symposium: Unite. Innovate. Adopt.

In an era where data is not just an asset but the cornerstone of innovation and strategic decision-making, [The Data Spaces Symposium](#) emerges as a pivotal gathering for industry leaders, technologists and policymakers.

This premier event is taking place 12 – 14 March 2024 in Darmstadt, Germany. Organized by the [Data Spaces Support Centre \(DSSC\)](#), the [Data Spaces Business Alliance](#) (BDVA, [FIWARE](#), [Gaia-X](#), and [IDSA](#)), it promises to be a melting pot of ideas, strategies and collaborations aimed at shaping the future of data utilization and management.

This year, the Symposium is set to deliver an unprecedented three-day experience filled in with invaluable insights and unparalleled networking opportunities. It will serve as a dynamic platform for unveiling the latest market-ready use cases, showcasing advanced technological solutions for existing and emerging data spaces, and highlighting the DSSC's critical role in developing a unified blueprint for common European data spaces. This effort is aligned with the goals of the European Data Strategy, aiming to foster an open, collaborative digital ecosystem across Europe.

The Symposium kicks off with a DSBA day featuring parallel events, a common exhibition area and an afternoon session emphasizing unity among leading organizations. Highlights include:

- **Market-X Conference & Expo:** A showcase of up-and-running projects, user stories, and business cases, all powered by Gaia-X.
- **Data Spaces Discovery Day:** Discover how IDSA pioneers data sharing's future with global insights, cutting-edge technology, and implementation strategies.
- **Data Week 2024: Data Value Unlocked!** An exploration of the fundamental elements of Data Value creation by BDVA.
- **Data Spaces Workshop:** An interactive session designed to navigate the complexity of data spaces with FIWARE's cutting-edge solutions.

The second day underscores unity through high-level keynotes and sessions with major players from around the globe, showing the collaborative efforts to construct data spaces, drive economic innovation and adopt data space solutions.

The European Data Spaces Day, the last day of the Symposium, is dedicated to practical applications and educational activities, focusing on real-world use cases and discussions aligned with the European Strategy for Data. Presentations will showcase the ambitions and achievement within the European data spaces.

DSBA CEO Perspectives:

Lars Nagel, CEO of IDSA, expresses the collective belief in data spaces as an enabler for future wealth, stating: *"We believe in data spaces as essential enablers for future wealth and equality, serving as cornerstones for business innovation and playing a crucial role in unlocking the data economy, all to the benefit of our society. All members of the Data Spaces Business Alliance (DSBA) are actively involved in the Data Spaces Support Centre (DSSC), dedicated to leveraging existing architectures and pooling expertise from key industry players, research institutions, and policymakers worldwide. This collaboration naturally extends into the DSSC's efforts to develop consistent, user-friendly building blocks and a blueprint for data spaces. We are excited to showcase these advancements at the Data Spaces Symposium. Join us to be part of the data revolution."*

Andrea Battaglia, CEO of FIWARE, underscores the significance of the DSBA's collaboration, stating: *"The collaboration between the DSBA and the DSSC is paving an extraordinary path forward. We are developing technologies that deliver significant value to end-users, transforming our vision into indispensable tools for our ecosystem, as well as for the broader global business community, ensuring their success. Our goal extends beyond simply monetization of data. We are committed to improving operational and systemic sustainability in collaboration with subject matter experts, global technology vendors and technology consumers. This endeavor is about creating a better world, one that is built upon the foundational principles of open-source methodology and technology".*

Ana García Robles, BDVA's Secretary General, emphasizes the pivotal role of the DSBA in creating a solid common framework for cross-sector data spaces stating that *"The Data Spaces Business Alliance (DSBA) is at the very heart of the Data Spaces Support Center (DSSC) and DSBA, together with its members, the other key DSSC partners and the overall Network of Stakeholders and collaborations of DSSC, is building synergies and converging in the creation of a solid architecture for all existing and future cross-sector data spaces. The success of our joint efforts will be showcased in Darmstadt at the Data Spaces Symposium, an event that shouldn't be missed!*

Ulrich Ahle, CEO of Gaia-X: *"Unite. Innovate. Adopt, is a testament to the progress made by the Data Spaces Business Alliance and the Data Spaces Support Centre in delivering the European Strategy for Data: we are united by ensuring constant synergy between Data Spaces Business Alliance, Data Spaces Support Centre, and other initiatives on European as well as Member State level for unparalleled results. We innovate, liaising as one in the creation of the Technical Convergence Document 3.0 which is closely aligned with the DSSC Blueprint V1.0. We adopt, as we showcase endless market-ready use cases ready to create business value for end-users."*

For detailed information and easy registration, visit the website: www.dataspace-symposium.org.

About DSBA

The Data Spaces Business Alliance are the [Gaia-X European Association for Data and Cloud AISBL](#), [the Big Data Value Association \(BDVA\)](#), [FIWARE Foundation](#), and [the International Data Spaces Association \(IDSA\)](#). Together they represent 1,000+ leading key industry players, associations, research organisations, innovators, and policymakers worldwide. With this cross-industry expertise, resources and know-how, the Alliance drives awareness, evangelises technology, shapes standards, and enables integration across industries.

About DSSC

Funded by the European Commission as part of the Digital Europe Program, the Data Spaces Support Centre is aimed at the public sector and companies that want to create sovereign data spaces. Therefore, the Data Spaces Support Centre will explore the needs of data space initiatives, define common requirements and establish best practices to accelerate the formation of sovereign data spaces as a crucial element of digital transformation in all areas. With the combined expertise of our 12 consortium partners in the project, the Data Spaces Support Centre will provide the best possible support to data space initiatives on the requirements related to interoperable data spaces.