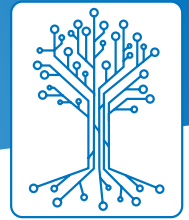# GAIA-X AISBL is officially founded

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BRUSSELS, February 8, 2021 – GAIA-X, the European Association for Data and Cloud, AISBL is officially established. Following the signing and submission of founding documents in September 2020, GAIA-X AISBL is established as a legal entity as of the end of January 2021. The organisation now enjoys legal personality as an international non-profit association governed by Belgian law *(Association internationale sans but lucratif)*.

Since the submission of founding documents by the 22 original members last autumn, more than 200 companies and research organisations have applied to join the association. These applications will be reviewed by the Association's Board of Directors in early March and a decision will be made on admission.

Following the GAIA-X Summit in November 2020, the Association is currently organising various web seminars for its members and interested parties. The first event, organised by the Association's Technical Committee, will take place on February 17th, 2021. The committee will offer insights into the latest progress of the work packages through a virtual Technical Deep Dive, and the community will share demos and ideas about GAIA-X's technical development.

About GAIA-X: Launched in 2019 with the goal of developing a trustworthy and sovereign digital infrastructure based on European rules, GAIA-X is a digital ecosystem regulated by its members. The initiative is working to create an environment in which data can be shared and stored under the control of data owners and users; and where rules are defined and respected, so that data and services can be made easily available, compiled and exchanged. GAIA-X has the potential to create unprecedented opportunities for innovative, data-driven business models and new solutions that help European industries and companies of all sizes to scale up and compete globally. The result will be a strong foundation for modern, next-generation infrastructure that meets the needs of business, science and society.

Founding Members: 3DS OUTSCALE, Amadeus, Atos, Beckhoff Automation, BMW, Bosch, CISPE, DE-CIX, Deutsche Telekom, Docaposte, EDF, Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, German Edge Cloud, IMT, International Data Spaces Association, Orange, OVH, PlusServer, Safran, SAP, Scaleway, Siemens.