

# **Rulebook model for a Fair Data Economy**

## **PART 2: Templates**

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**The templates in the Part 2 of the Rulebook model for data spaces enable organisations to create their own rulebooks for their data spaces and support when defining the legal relations within data spaces. the templates are provided in an editable form so that they can easily be made into an actual rulebook to be adopted by a specific data space.**

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## Introduction to Part 2

The purpose of this rulebook model is to provide an easily accessible and usable manual on how to establish a data space and to set out general terms and conditions for data sharing agreements. This rulebook model will help organisations to form new data spaces, implement rulebooks for those data spaces, and promote fair data economy in general. With the aid of a rulebook, parties can establish a data space based on mutual trust that shares a common mission, vision, and values.

A rulebook based on this model and adapted for a real-life data space, establishes a data space governance framework, which in turn defines the data space itself. Therefore, a rulebook is the central documentation of a data space.

A rulebook also assists data providers and data users to assess any requirements imposed by applicable legislation and contracts appropriately in addition to guiding them in adopting practices that promote the use of data and management of risks. However, despite the rulebook model, it is important to note that the parties still need to ensure that all the relevant legislation, especially on the national and regional levels as well as specific legislation regulating the data in question, is considered.

The general terms of the rulebook model as well as most of the glossary, code of conduct, and checklists in contract annexes are the same for all the data spaces that use the fair data economy rulebook model. Only the specific terms are written case by case.

Therefore, it is easier and more cost-effective to create data spaces and ecosystems if the rulebooks of different data spaces have substantially similar basis. It simplifies collaboration and data sharing even between data spaces and makes it easier for an organisation to participate in several data spaces. Similar rulebooks ensure fair, sustainable, and ethical business within the data ecosystems, which in turn enables increasing know-how, trust, and common market practises.

The following templates will enable organisations to establish rulebooks for their data spaces and have been prepared to support in defining the legal relations within their networks. During the development of these templates, it was kept in mind that data spaces will differ from one another materially in several respects and that it is not feasible to establish general templates for a rulebook that would be complete and ready to use as-is for all data spaces.

As such, the founding members must plan, design, and document each data space carefully by amending and supplementing the templates in a manner that best serves the purposes of the

contractual framework they require. In this regard, the templates provided herein should constitute a baseline that serves as a generic structure for data spaces.

This Part 2 of the Rulebook is provided as an editable text document so that it can be easily modified into the actual Rulebook that can be adopted by a specific data space. Once the modifications are ready, the contracts can then be copied directly and signed by the parties involved as needed.

The templates and tools provided include:

- **Data Space Canvas** tool
- **Checklists**, including business, governance, legal, and technical
- **Rolebook** tool
- **Servicebook** tool
- the **General Terms and Conditions** (to be used as-is)
- a template for the **Constitutive Agreement**
- a template for the **Accession Agreement**
- a template for the **Governance Model**
- a template for the **Dataset Terms of Use**

We recommend that the data space's founding members work together to modify each of the templates. Various tools are provided in the templates to support the modification and adaptation work. Different roles from the different parties should be involved in the modification process from the beginning. Specifically, modifications to the Description of the Data Space, the Constitutive Agreement, the Accession Agreement, the Governance Model, and the Dataset Terms of Use, as well as getting to know the General Terms and Conditions, should always include parties' legal roles. Work on the Description of the Data Space, the Code of Conduct, and the Dataset Terms of Use will benefit from executive, business development, and technical roles' contributions in addition. It is possible and even encouraged to work on the different parts of the rulebook simultaneously, as decisions made in one context will affect possibilities in another. We do, however, recommend beginning work with the Description of the Data Space to begin more concretely co-defining the objectives and motivations for the network.

## Glossary

| Sitra Rulebook v2.1 and v3.0 terminology  | Notes   |
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| <p><b>Data:</b> any digital representation of acts, facts or information and any compilation of such acts, facts or information, including in the form of sound, visual or audio-visual recording. (DA Art 2(1), DGA Art 2(1))</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Personal Data:</b> any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person. (GDPR Art 4(1))</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Dataset</b> can be either a <i>Data set</i>, i.e., "a resource, comprising a collection of data published or curated by a single party and available for access or download in one or more representations", or a <i>Data product</i>, i.e., "a set of resources that complies with a data product specification and for which a data product owner has created and published a data product offering."</p> | <p>In the Contractual Framework of the Rulebook, "Dataset" means a collection of Data the use of which is authorised by the Data Provider via the Data Space. Datasets and their related terms and conditions are defined more in more detail in the respective Dataset Terms of Use.</p> <p>According to the DSSC Glossary v3.0, <i>Data set</i>: "A resource, comprising a collection of data published or curated by a single party and available for access or download in one or more representations." While, <i>Data product</i>: "A set of resources that complies with a data product specification and for which a data product owner has created and published a data product offering."</p> |
| <p><b>Data sharing:</b> Access to or processing of the same data by more than one authorised entity Data can be shared, for example, (i) by allowing access to, or the execution of operations over, the original</p>   | <p>See ISO/IEC 20151.</p>   |

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| dataset, or (ii) by giving a copy of the data to the interested entity. The way in which data is shared fundamentally influences the available controls and the statements needed in the Rulebook.  |  |
| <b>Data Space:</b> a distributed system defined by the Rulebook and enabling secure and trustworthy data transactions between participants while supporting trust and data sovereignty. A data space is implemented by one or more infrastructures and enables one or more use cases. | In the Contractual Framework of the Rulebook, “Data Space” means the group consisting of the Parties who share Data in accordance with the Constitutive Agreement. |
| <b>Rulebook:</b> A binding set of documents that record the Data Space governance structure and thus define the Data Space.   | In the DSSC Conceptual Model, a Data Space Governance Structure defines a Data Space.  |
| <b>Founding Member:</b> an initial Data Space Participant that executes the Constitutive Agreement.   |  |
| <b>Data Space Participant:</b> a party committed to the Rulebook of a particular Data Space and having a set of rights and obligations stemming from this Rulebook.   |  |
| <b>Data Space Governance Authority:</b> One or more parties that establishes, governs, manages and enforces the Rulebook of a Data Space. The <i>Governance Model</i> is a tool to define a contractual arrangement or a legal entity to set up the Data Space Governance Authority.  | See Governance Model   |
| <b>Data Provider:</b> a Data Space Participant that, in the context of a specific data transaction, technically provides Data to the Data Users that  | In the Contractual Framework of the Rulebook, “Data Provider” means any natural person or an organisation that   |

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| <p>have a right or duty to access and/or receive that Data.</p>   | <p>provides Data for the Parties to use via the Data Space.</p>   |
| <p><b>Service Provider:</b> a Data Space Participant that provides value adding services on top of Data or Datasets in the Data Space.</p>  | <p>In the Contractual Framework of the Rulebook, it is defined that “Service Provider” means any of the Parties that combines, refines and processes data and provides the processed Data and/or a service, which is based on the Data, to the use of Data Users, other Service Providers or Third-Party Data Users.</p>                                    |
| <p><b>Data User:</b> a Data Space Participant to whom the right(s) to use Data are granted.</p>   | <p>A Data User can be a ‘data recipient’ as defined by DA 2(14) or a ‘data user’ as defined by DGA 2(9).</p> <p>In the Contractual Framework of the Rulebook, “Data User” means any of the Parties to which Service Providers provide Data and/or services or to which the Data Provider provides Data, and which do not redistribute the Data further.</p> |
| <p><b>Operator:</b> a provider of one or several technical, legal, procedural or organisational services that enable data transactions to be performed within the Data Space. These may include, for example, identity management, consent management, logging, and/or service management and may or may not fall in the scope of the data intermediation service providers defined by the DGA.</p> | <p>In the Contractual Framework of the Rulebook, “Operator” means any Party that provides data system or any other infrastructure services for the Data Space that are related e.g., to identity or consent management, logging or service management.</p>  |
| <p><b>Data Rights Holder:</b> an entity (a human being or a legal entity) that has rights and/or obligations to grant access to or share certain personal or non-personal data. The Data Rights Holder, taking into account other Data Rights Holders who have rights to the same data, may on its own behalf grant other</p>   | <p>An actor whose permission is needed to process data, e.g. an individual data subject (GDPR), IPR rights holder (e.g. an author), a business having trade secrets, or</p>   |

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| <p>actors' permissions to use the data. There can be any number of Data Rights Holders regarding certain Data, and they may transfer such rights to others.</p>   | <p>a contracting party to have contractual rights in data.</p> |
| <p><b>Third-Party Data User:</b> an entity (a human being or a legal entity) that is not a participant of the Data Space that the rulebook governs, but who receives or uses data technically (otherwise like a "Data User", but not a Data Space Participant).</p>   |  |
| <p><b>Permission:</b> any legal right to the processing of Data (not only non-personal data as defined e.g. in the Data Governance Act). A Permission can be for example a consent, a contractual obligation, a legal obligation, a vital interest, a public interest, an exercise of official authority, a legitimate interest, or use of a connected product, if it legally authorises that specific processing of the Data.</p>  |  |
| <p><b>Permissioning:</b> managing all kinds of legally relevant Permissions to use Data: not only active expressions of right holders' will, like consents, licenses, and agreements, but also for example direct legal rights to process Data for a specific purpose or processing data for the purposes of legitimate interests subject to certain requirements. Permissioning is a process in which all the relevant Data Space Participants and external parties, e.g. Data Rights Holders, Data Users, Third Party Data Users, Operators, and Service Providers, contribute their share.</p> |  |



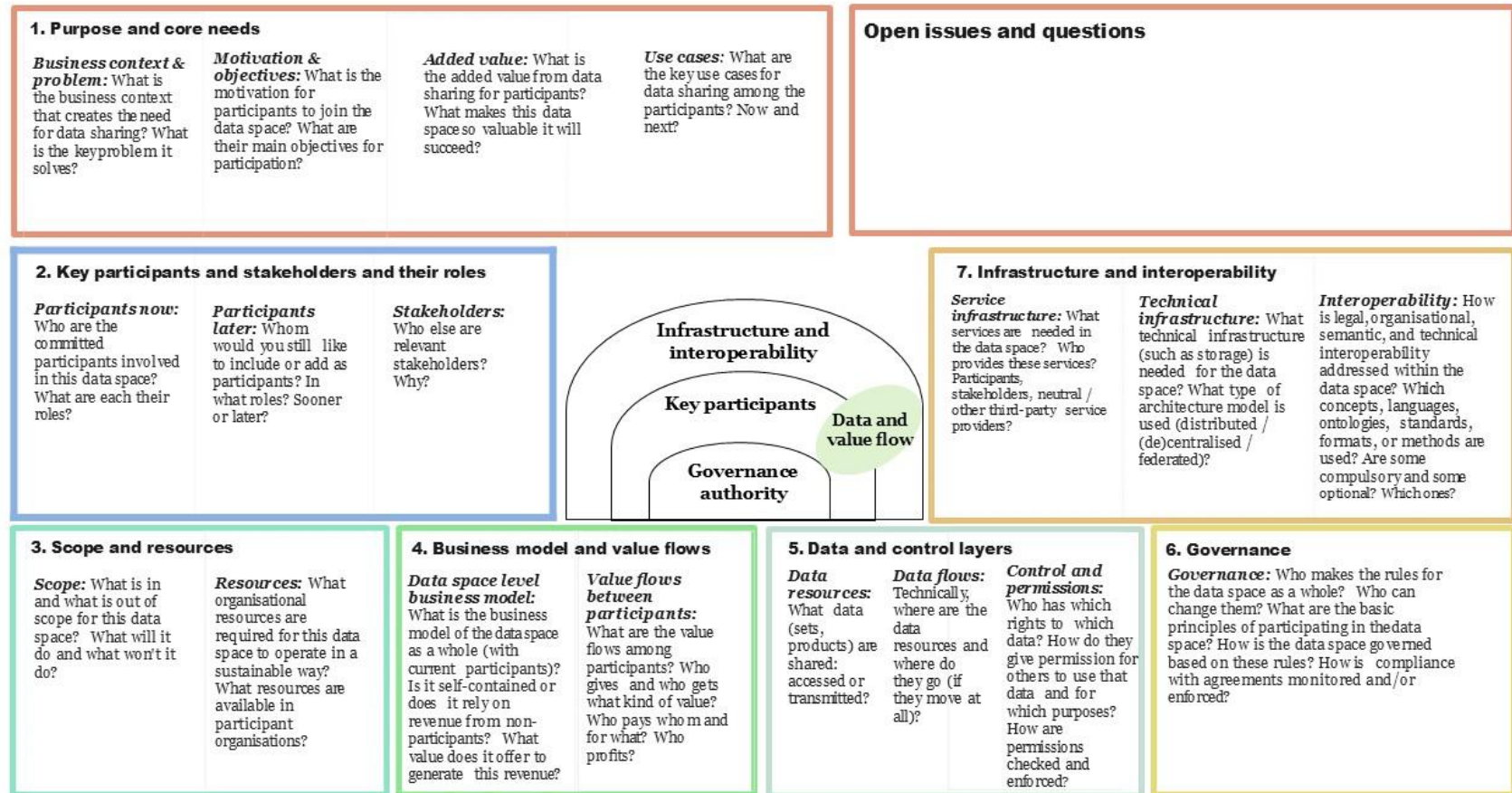
# Data Space Canvas [TOOL]

The Data Space Canvas in the next page helps to describe the logic of the different aspects of your Data Space. Use crisp and short answers to describe the key points.

The Data Space Canvas can be completed and extended by answering the rulebook checklist questions (Business, Governance, Legal, and Technical).

Figure 1: Data Space Canvas

# DATA SPACE CANVAS



# Checklists [TOOL]

The following thematic checklists are provided as a reference and starting point to help in the design of a data space. They serve as a complement and a deep-diving tool to the DSSC Co-Creation Method<sup>1</sup>. The Co-Creation Method also includes questions to consider, and it takes a sequential approach to addressing different aspects of data space development processes, whereas these checklists are arranged thematically into Business, Governance, Legal, and Technical sections. If a checklist question below is included also in a step of the Co-Creation Method, this is indicated with the notation “CCM1.2” where the first number (“1”) refers to the process and the second number (“2”) to the step within that process as included in v1.5 of the Co-Creation Method.

To use these checklists, provide your response for each question, also considering the contractual requirements implied. The goal is not to answer each checklist question thoroughly, but to use the questions as assistance in formulating the different aspects of the data space design. Link further materials to the topics or the chapter at the end of the section and add additional headers, if needed. Check also that the content here is in line with other parts of the rulebook, and that potential overlaps are minimised.

## Business Checklist [TOOL]

The business dimension of the Data Space can be defined by answering the checklist questions in the table below. Comments provide further guidance and examples for answering these questions.

Business questions are categorised as follows:

- B1: Purpose and core needs
- B2: Business model and value flows
- B3: Data services and infrastructure

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<sup>1</sup> <https://dssc.eu/space/bv15e/766062883/Co-Creation+Method>

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| B1.Purpose and core needs                  |   |
| B1.1.<br>Key purpose and scope<br>(CCM1.1) | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the business context driving the need for data sharing?</li> <li>• What is the thematic scope of the data space?</li> <li>• What is the key problem it addresses, and what objectives does it aim to achieve?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly define the thematic focus of the data space (e.g., supply chain optimisation, maintenance services, or data marketplaces).</li> <li>• Identify the specific problem being solved and its potential impact.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Media industry: “Create a secure and reliable data space for collaboration and joint innovation.</li> <li>• Manufacturing: “Streamline supply chain logistics.”</li> <li>• Energy industry: “Provide a research platform for open innovation in renewable energy.”</li> </ul> |
| Answer:                                    |   |
| B1.2.<br>Motivation and objectives         | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What motivates participants to join the data space?</li> <li>• What are the primary goals and benefits for each participant?</li> <li>• How do these align with the overall objectives of the data space?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define key incentives for both data providers and data users.</li> <li>• Specify how objectives can be tracked and measured.</li> <li>• Identify also potential barriers to participation, such as data privacy concerns or lack of trust.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants gain access to aggregated analytics and insights.</li> <li>• Reduction of operational costs through shared data.</li> <li>• Fulfilment of regulatory requirements using data sharing.</li> </ul>   |
| Answer:                                    |   |

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| <p>B1.3.<br/>Use cases<br/>(CCM1.1, 1.2)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What specific use cases should the data space support?</li> <li>• What problem or “job-to-be-done” justifies the need for data sharing?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining how each identified use case supports and advances the broader goals, mission, scope, effects, and impacts defined for the data space.</li> <li>• Clearly articulate each use case with a descriptive title.</li> <li>• Focus on tangible, actionable applications of data.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Automotive industry: "Tracking vehicle service recalls."</li> <li>• Food industry: "Calculating the carbon footprint of a food product."</li> <li>• Media industry: “Create a federated data marketplace for 3D models used in VR production.”</li> <li>• Healthcare: "Optimising patient outcomes through shared diagnostic data."</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>                               |  |
| <p>B2. Business model and value flows</p>    |  |

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| <p>B2.1.<br/>Business models<br/>(CCM1.1)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the data space supporting for-profit on non-profit activities?</li> <li>• What are the key business models applicable to the data space?</li> <li>• How does the data space generate and share revenue?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline the benefits, value propositions, and expected outcomes that participants can derive from their involvement in each use case, providing insights into individual and collaborative business models.</li> <li>• Establish the business model for each participant and determine how these models contribute to collaborative value created.</li> <li>• Clearly differentiate between the key business models for the participants, and the business models for data space as an enabling infrastructure.</li> <li>• Define payment structures (e.g., one-time fees, subscriptions, or royalties).</li> <li>• Consider ethical implications of monetisation models, such as fair data valuation.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subscription payment for real-time data streams.</li> <li>• Cost-sharing model for joint projects.</li> <li>• Revenue sharing from aggregated data analytics services.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>                                |  |
| <p>B2.2.<br/>Data value<br/>(CCM1.1)</p>      | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is data value generated and distributed among participants?</li> <li>• How is the value measured, priced, and monetised?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore both monetary and non-monetary valorisation mechanisms.</li> <li>• Define pricing models and data valuation criteria.</li> <li>• Consider safeguards for fair compensation, such as licensing fees or usage tracking.</li> <li>• Consider mechanisms for auditing data value generation and distribution.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pricing models based on data quality or frequency of access.</li> <li>• Value from aggregated datasets, such as industry benchmarks.</li> <li>• Compensation through reciprocal data exchange (“data-for-data”).</li> </ul>  |

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| Answer:   |  |
| <p>B2.3.<br/>Data space solution fundamentals (CCM3.1, 3.2)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What resources (financial, technical, and organisational) are needed to sustain the data space?</li> <li>• How will development and operating costs be allocated?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify required resources for both development and operational phases.</li> <li>• Consider options like in-house development, outsourcing, or partnerships.</li> <li>• Include a contingency plan for funding gaps or unexpected costs.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initial development costs shared by founding members.</li> <li>• Operating costs covered through subscription fees.</li> <li>• Technical support provided by a third-party vendor.</li> </ul>   |
| Answer:   |  |
| <p>B2.4.<br/>Level of commitment (CCM1.3)</p>                   | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are participants fully committed to the data space?</li> <li>• What conditions must be met before establishing long-term commitment?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data space must assess stakeholder business rationale for commitment and readiness for formalisation. Only if stakeholders are committed, governance framework and cooperation agreements can be created.</li> <li>• Define mechanisms to ensure participant engagement and trust.</li> <li>• Address continuity planning and strategic dependencies.</li> <li>• Address potential conflicts and mechanisms for conflict resolution.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agreements to share data for a minimum period.</li> <li>• Penalties for early withdrawal from the data space.</li> <li>• Incentives for active contribution to shared goals.</li> </ul> |

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| Answer:  |   |
| B3.Data services and infrastructure                              |   |
| <p>B3.1.<br/>Data space services<br/>(CCM2.5, 3.3, 3.4, 4.5)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What ecosystem-wide data-related services are provided in the data space?</li> <li>• Who is responsible for these services, and how are they managed operationally?</li> <li>• What common rules and instructions apply to these services?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on identifying the shared responsibilities and operational aspects of services.</li> <li>• Clearly outline service providers, observability mechanisms, and service-level requirements.</li> <li>• Outline how participants will interact with these services.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing verifiable claims related to participants according to the agreed trust framework.</li> <li>• Ensuring personal data is anonymised before distribution to third parties.</li> <li>• Quarterly audits of data accuracy and compliance with data space standards.</li> <li>• Dashboards for monitoring and tracking the status of the data space.</li> </ul> |
| Answer:  |   |



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| <p>B3.2.<br/>Data discovery</p>     | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is metadata about data products discovered and shared?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participant can publish metadata about the available data for sharing, including their associated attributes and policies. Similarly, each participant, given the appropriate access policies, can discover such information within the data space.</li> <li>• Data available for sharing cannot be viewed without an applicable data sharing agreement.</li> <li>• Sharing can also include other data products than “raw data sets”, for example results of a data analysis or AI models.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metadata is shared in a federated catalogue to facilitate the negotiation of data sharing contracts.</li> <li>• Data stays at the source and only the calculation results would be shared via an API or calculated via a virtual machine loaded at the data provider.</li> </ul>          |
| <p>Answer:</p>                      |  |
| <p>B3.3.<br/>Data usage control</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What permissions and restrictions are in place for data use?</li> <li>• What activities must be performed before data can be utilised?</li> <li>• Are there defined limitations on data access, manipulation, and distribution?</li> <li>• Can data be redistributed, and under what conditions?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specify, for example at the use case level, principles for data use, including access levels, usage duration, and sharing limitations.</li> <li>• Address restrictions to ensure balance between openness and control.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data may be used for R&amp;D purposes only, with no redistribution.</li> <li>• Data must be anonymised and validated before use.</li> <li>• On-off use license with usage reporting back to the data provider.</li> <li>• Further distribution allowed only with permission from the original data provider.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>                      |  |

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| <p>B3.4.<br/>Consent management</p>                      | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is personal data consent managed, monitored, and reported?</li> <li>• What mechanisms ensure consent aligns with usage controls?</li> <li>• How is interaction with consent givers facilitated?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide transparency on consent-related processes to build trust with Data Space participants and individual users.</li> <li>• Implement consent management processes that comply with data privacy regulations (e.g., GDPR).</li> <li>• Define systems for capturing, updating, logging, and auditing user consents.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consent management service for capturing, tracking, and reporting user consents.</li> <li>• Dynamic reporting to track consent validity and usage against policies.</li> <li>• Clear interfaces for individuals to revoke or update consent.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>   |  |
| <p>B3.5.<br/>Data location and availability (CCM2.2)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have data location and availability practices been defined?</li> <li>• How are data lifecycle responsibilities managed and transferred?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarify under what conditions data remains available.</li> <li>• Define lifecycle management principles.</li> <li>• Define SLA commitments for data availability and reliability.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data will be stored on EU-based servers to comply with GDPR requirements.</li> <li>• Real-time availability as a data stream for operational data; archival storage for historical data.</li> <li>• Data rights will be transferred to a specified party when the project phase ends.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Answer:</p>   |  |

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| <p>B3.6.<br/>Data quality</p>                                       | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is data quality ensured and maintained?</li> <li>• What improvement actions are needed to address quality issues (e.g., missing or outdated data, or metadata)?</li> <li>• Who is responsible for maintaining and measuring data quality?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish processes for data quality management.</li> <li>• Define participant roles responsible for data quality validation and improvement.</li> <li>• Include indicators to measure data accuracy, completeness, and timeliness.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data products must meet predefined completeness and format requirements.</li> <li>• Latency of data delivery must not exceed 10 seconds.</li> <li>• Quarterly reviews are conducted to measure data quality using agreed quality indicators.</li> </ul>                         |
| <p>Answer:</p>  |  |
| <p>B3.7.<br/>Operational monitoring and administration (CCM4.4)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is the monitoring and reporting of system and data use achieved?</li> <li>• What are the traceability and logging mechanisms?</li> <li>• Is monitoring real-time or retrospective?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define practices for tracking data access, use, and performance.</li> <li>• Discuss the need for monitoring all transactions, also from the viewpoint of business secrets.</li> <li>• Include traceability to ensure transparency and compliance with agreed-upon rules.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centralised logging of data transactions with timestamps and participant IDs</li> <li>• Dashboards displaying live metrics on data access and usage.</li> <li>• Logs need to be tamper-proof, provided by a trusted party, and accessible for dispute resolution or compliance checks.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>  |  |

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| <p>B3.7.<br/>Data space skills<br/>and capabilities</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the essential skills and capabilities needed to develop, manage, and operate the data space?</li> <li>• How will these skills be sourced (e.g., training, hiring, partnerships)?</li> <li>• What gaps currently exist in skills and capabilities, and how can they be addressed?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the core competencies needed across different areas: technical expertise, data governance, legal compliance, business development, and ecosystem management.</li> <li>• Ensure skills align with the needs of data operations, platform management, and ecosystem sustainability.</li> <li>• Identify and offer training and certification programs for participants to standardise skillsets across the data space</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data engineers for setting up data pipelines using data space connectors.</li> <li>• Data stewards responsible for developing and managing data quality, consistency, and interoperable metadata standards.</li> <li>• Ecosystem managers to develop partnerships and foster collaboration between participants.</li> <li>• IP specialists to manage the rights related to data products.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>  |  |

## Issues and questions

[In this part, please consider open issues and questions related to the Business Checklist.]

## Links to related documentation

[Add here other potential documentation related to the business design of the Data Space.]

## Governance Checklist [TOOL]

The governance dimension of the data space can be defined by answering the checklist questions in the table below. Comments provide further guidance and examples for answering these questions.

Governance questions are categorised as follows:

- G.1: Key participants and stakeholders and their roles
- G.2: Governance principles and responsibilities

| G1.Key participants and stakeholders and their roles       |  |
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| <p>G1.1.<br/>Data space stakeholders<br/>(CCM1.1, 1.3)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who are the key participants in ecosystem implementing the data space?</li> <li>• What additional participants or external stakeholders (e.g., regulators, industry associations) should be considered?</li> <li>• What are the growth ambitions for the data space?</li> <li>• Are there any eligibility criteria, limitations, or requirements for joining the data space?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the categories of participants and other stakeholders.</li> <li>• Specify any limitations or requirements (e.g., technical readiness, trust levels, compliance) for new participants.</li> <li>• Ensure the ecosystem is designed for fair and trusted collaboration.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional stakeholders of the data space include government agencies, and standards organisations providing oversight.</li> <li>• Our growth ambition is to expand membership, and to have 5 new large companies and 30 new SMEs as participants over the next 3 years.</li> </ul> |
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| <p>G1.2.<br/>Stakeholder roles<br/>(CCM1.3, 5.1)</p>                  | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Who are the founding parties, and what are their roles?</li> <li>• What are the defined roles of participants in the data space?</li> <li>• Are all critical roles fulfilled for launching and managing the data space?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define and differentiate roles to ensure smooth functioning of the data space.</li> <li>• Include both mandatory roles (e.g., data provider, governance authority) and optional ones (e.g., advisory bodies).</li> <li>• Establish processes for role changes or updates..</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data space governance authority ensures adherence to data space rules and policies.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>  |   |
| <p>G1.3.<br/>Stakeholder rights and responsibilities<br/>(CCM3.1)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the rights of each actor in the data space?</li> <li>• What responsibilities are associated with each role?</li> <li>• How are these rights and responsibilities communicated and enforced?</li> <li>• Are there mechanisms to resolve disputes related to rights and responsibilities?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure there are enforcement and conflict resolution mechanisms.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data providers are responsible for ensuring data quality and providing interoperable metadata.</li> <li>• Participants must adhere to data sharing agreements and usage policies.</li> </ul>                                   |
| <p>Answer:</p>  |   |

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| <p>G1.4.<br/>Data provision<br/>(CCM2.2)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What data sources are available in the data space?</li><li>• Who controls access to the data?</li><li>• How are data usage permissions and restrictions defined?</li></ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Define the scope of data provision, including sources (e.g., IoT devices, enterprise systems, open data platforms).</li></ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sensor data from smart city infrastructure (e.g., traffic lights, parking sensors).</li><li>• Sales and inventory data from retail partners.</li><li>• The data space includes historical data, live sensor streams, and aggregated analytics data.</li></ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>                               |  |

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| <p>G1.5.<br/>Data space<br/>governance<br/>authority</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should there be a separate legal entity to govern the data space?</li> <li>• Is governance achievable through alternative means, such as a steering committee and contractual arrangements?</li> <li>• What decision-making authority and responsibilities will the data space governance authority have?</li> <li>• Who are the key representatives in the data space governance authority, and how are they selected?</li> <li>• How does the data space governance authority ensure fairness, transparency, and trust among participants?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly outline the authority and responsibilities of the data space governance authority. Include oversight, conflict resolution, and decision-making powers.</li> <li>• Implement mechanisms for accountability, transparency, and regular reporting to participants, such as public reporting, annual audits, and participant feedback loops.</li> <li>• Ensure the chosen structure aligns with applicable laws (e.g., data sharing regulations, antitrust laws).</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A nonprofit consortium oversees the data space, with founding members acting as board representatives and rotating leadership every 2 years.</li> <li>• A steering committee with 10 elected members has authority to make decisions regarding participation rules, financial matters, and conflict resolution.</li> <li>• The data space operates under a steering committee but is legally represented by a registered nonprofit for managing assets, legal agreements, and compliance.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>   |  |
| <p>G2.Governance principles and responsibilities</p>     |  |



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| <p>G2.1.<br/>Data governance<br/>(CCM2.2)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the data governance principles and responsibilities within the data space?</li> <li>• What are the data storage and availability principles?</li> <li>• What are the data lifecycle management processes (e.g., retention, archiving, and deletion)?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline the rules, policies, and standards that govern data availability, quality, and usage in the data space.</li> <li>• Define data lifecycle management principles, such as retention periods and access revocation processes.</li> <li>• Implement systems for managing changes to data structures, systems, or governance rules and communicating them effectively to all participants.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General guideline is that operational data is retained for 1 year, and historical data is archived for 5 years before deletion.</li> <li>• All changes to commonly agreed schemas or interfaces must be approved by the data space governance authority.</li> <li>• Data must remain available 99.9% of the time, with daily backups performed to ensure recovery in case of failures.</li> </ul> |
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| <p>G2.2.<br/>Risk<br/>management</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are risks in the data space identified, managed, and mitigated?</li> <li>• What processes exist for handling data-related incidents, disputes, or breaches?</li> <li>• What are the key risks to data integrity, security, and availability?</li> <li>• How are risks monitored, and how often are they reviewed?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define procedures to address identified risks, including mitigation strategies, escalation protocols and monitoring.</li> <li>• Implement a system to manage incidents such as breaches, disputes, or misuse.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In case of a data breach, participants must report the incident within 24 hours. A formal resolution process will follow, involving all affected parties.</li> <li>• A quarterly risk audit will assess the effectiveness of risk mitigation measures and propose updates.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>                       |  |

## Issues and questions

[In this part, please consider open issues and questions related to the Governance Checklist.]

## Links to related documentation

[Add here other potential documentation related to the governance aspects of the data space.]

## Legal checklist [TOOL]

Legal questions are categorised as follows:

- L.1: Contractual premises
- L.2: Liabilities
- L.3: Content

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| L1. Contractual premises                    |   |
| L1.1. Applicable law and dispute resolution | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Which jurisdiction's (country's) laws are applied to the rulebook?</li> <li>• Have you checked what needs to be modified in the rulebook because of those national laws and have you made the respective derogations to general terms in constitutive agreement?</li> <li>• In which arbitration process or court shall the disputes be finally resolved?</li> </ul> <p>Affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutive agreement applicable law and dispute resolution and derogations to general terms 3.3 &amp; 4</li> <li>• Dataset terms of use</li> </ul> |
| Answer:                                     |   |
| L1.2. Permissioning (CCM2.4)                | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has the data provider been adequately authorised to grant rights to use data on behalf of the data rights holders?</li> <li>• Should there be a more advanced permissioning mechanism to ensure that all the data space participants and the third-party data users will get the required permissions?</li> </ul> <p>Affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutive agreement derogations to general terms 3.3 &amp; 4</li> <li>• Dataset terms of use</li> </ul>  |
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| L1.3. Datasets                    | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct to assume that it is decided, separately for each dataset, who are granted access to the data, or should there be same rules for all the datasets, like all the data shall be available to all the data space participants?</li> </ul>   |
| Answer:                           |  |
| L1.4. Fees                        | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct to assume that unless otherwise defined in the dataset terms of use or agreed by the data space participants, the right to use the data is granted free of charge</li> <li>• Or should the data be subject to a charge by default?</li> </ul>   |
| Answer:                           |  |
| L1.5. IPR                         | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct to assume that the provision of data within the data space does not constitute a transfer of intellectual property rights?</li> </ul>  |
| Answer:                           |  |
| L1.6. Third-party access (CCM5.2) | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct to assume that the data can be redistributed only to the data space participants, but redistribution of the data to third party data users can be allowed in the applicable dataset terms of use?</li> </ul>   |
| Answer:                           |  |
| L1.7. Derived materials           | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct to assume that the data space participants are entitled to redistribute derived materials to third parties, subject to possible additional requirements related to intellectual property rights, and confidential information?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It should be defined in the constitutive agreement or in the dataset terms of use what is derived material.</li> <li>• the dataset terms of use may specify that the derived material is shared and used e.g. Under Creative Commons CC BY license terms.</li> </ul> |
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| L1.8. Personal data | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct to assume that where the data involves personal data, by default the data recipient becomes a data controller?</li> </ul>  |
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| L1.9. Indemnity     | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct to assume that the data provider indemnifies other parties against claims that its data, which is subject to any fees, infringes intellectual property rights or confidential information in the country of the data provider?</li> <li>• Should the data provider indemnify other parties also if the data is provided for free?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This indemnity clause is quite broad for paid data, but does not cover free data.</li> <li>• The dataset terms of use template also includes the following sample provision: “the data provider shall ensure that it possess all the necessary rights and authorisations to make the data available for the use of the other parties in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions.”</li> </ul> |
| Answer:             |  |
| L1.10. Termination  | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct to assume that the data space participants are entitled to use the data after the termination of the constitutive agreement, in which case the constitutive agreement survives the termination, except for where the constitutive agreement is terminated as a result of data space participant's material breach?</li> <li>• Or should the right to use the data also terminate by default if the constitutive agreement is terminated?</li> </ul>   |
| Answer:             |  |
| L1.11. Audit        | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is it correct to assume that the data provider is entitled to carry out audits related to its data?</li> <li>• Should some others (e.g. The data rights holders) also have auditing rights?</li> </ul>  |

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| L1.12. Other contracts   | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there contracts outside the rulebook that need to be changed?</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants have previously entered into a cooperation agreement that contains provisions that are not compatible with the rulebook.</li> </ul> |
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| L2. Liabilities          |   |
| L2.1. Real-world actions | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have the liabilities for the data-related real-world processes been defined?</li> </ul> <p>Affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutive agreement</li> <li>• Dataset terms of use</li> </ul>  |
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| L2.2. Other contracts    | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there contracts outside the rulebook that need to be changed?</li> </ul> <p>Affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Other contracts</li> <li>• Potentially references in constitutive agreement and dataset terms of use.</li> </ul>                                      |
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| L2.3. 3 <sup>rd</sup> party participation | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the role towards 3<sup>rd</sup> parties clear?</li> <li>• Who is responsible for 3<sup>rd</sup> party infringements?</li> <li>• What commitments does the data provider give toward 3<sup>rd</sup> parties?</li> </ul> <p>Affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutive agreement</li> <li>• Dataset terms of use</li> </ul> |
| Answer:                                   |   |
| L2.4. Disclaimers                         | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have the data related disclaimers been defined for data space participants?</li> </ul> <p>Affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutive agreement</li> <li>• Dataset terms of use</li> </ul>   |
| Answer:                                   |   |
| L3. Content                               |   |
| L3.1. Applicable data types               | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the data contain photos, audio – or video content, computer programs, etc. that have special legal requirements?</li> </ul> <p>Affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutive agreement</li> <li>• Data Space description</li> <li>• Dataset terms of use</li> </ul>   |
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| <p>L3.2. Database rights</p>            | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are database rights applicable to data (i.e., there has been qualitatively and/or quantitatively a substantial investment in either the obtaining, verification or presentation of the contents)? (EU Directive on the legal protection of databases, Art. 7)</li> </ul> <p>Affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutive agreement</li> <li>• Dataset terms of use</li> </ul>                                      |
| <p>Answer:</p>                          |  |
| <p>L3.3. Common contractual aspects</p> | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to define the data space's approach on common contractual aspects?</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data space participants' rights and responsibilities</li> <li>• Exclusivity/access</li> <li>• Confidentiality</li> <li>• Liabilities and disclaimers</li> </ul> <p>Affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutive agreement</li> <li>• Data Space description</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>                          |  |



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| <p>L3.4. Data-specific aspects</p> | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How to define the data space’s approach on data-specific aspects?</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conditions to exchange data</li> <li>• Clarity of usage rights</li> <li>• Right to assess, analyse and learn from data</li> <li>• Restrictions on data use within data space</li> <li>• IPR limitations and monitoring of IPR use management of data originating from outside current data space</li> <li>• Conflicts related to data utilisation</li> </ul> <p>Affects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitutive agreement</li> <li>• Dataset terms of use</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>                     |  |

## Issues and questions

In this part, please consider open issues and questions related to the Legal Checklist.

## Links to related documentation

Add here other potential documentation related to the legal aspects of the Data Space.

## Technical Checklist [TOOL]

Summarise and document here the key technical and security aspects and requirements. These aspects reflect common architectural requirements and design principles.

Technical questions are categorised as follows:

- T.1: Capability requirements
- T.2: System design and architecture
- T.3: Functional requirements
- T.4: Information management
- T.5: Security
- T.6: Privacy and personal data

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| T1. Capability requirements           |  |
| T1.1. Technical solution fundamentals | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What common technical capabilities and services will be implemented?</li> <li>• Who provides these key components and services, and how are they developed?</li> <li>• How will integration across different participants and systems be ensured?</li> <li>• Which functionalities of the data space can be provided by dedicated intermediary service providers?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure all key technical solutions comply with standards (e.g. Dataspace Protocol, DSP) for interoperability, governance, and trust.</li> <li>• The core services refer to the minimum set of services required to make the data space function and its (initial) use case(s) work. these may include federation services, participant agent services, and value creation services.</li> <li>• DSSC Value Creation Services building block provides an approach to manage services that extend the core functionality required by the use cases, to create additional value. These services might include data processing, integration, or user experience to maximise the value generated.</li> <li>• DSSC Intermediaries and Operators building block describes how intermediary services can allow participants to join a data space that do not own their own participant agent.</li> <li>• Adopt standard data exchange APIs, connectors, and protocols to facilitate seamless integration across participants and systems.</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All data endpoints and interfaces follow the data plane and control plane specifications of DSP for interoperability between systems and participants.</li> </ul> |
| Answer:                               |  |

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| <p>T1.2. Technical skills and capabilities</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What technical skills and capabilities are needed to operate the data space?</li> <li>• How will these skills be acquired, trained, or sourced?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline the technical expertise needed for data integration, data governance, and security.</li> <li>• Provide a strategy for upskilling participants through training or external collaborations.</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data engineers for integration, data analysts for quality monitoring, and cybersecurity experts.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Answer:</p>                                 |   |
| <p>T2. System design and architecture</p>      |   |
| <p>T2.1. System design principles</p>          | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key principles and architectures for system design?</li> <li>• What existing building blocks and standards serve as a foundation?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define over-arching design principles like open standards, vendor independence.</li> <li>• Specify the functional requirements for protocols and interfaces to ensure compatibility and integration with the data models.</li> <li>• Ensure scalability, flexibility, and security of the architecture.</li> <li>• Follow the DSSC building block specifications and recommendations.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modular architecture to enable scalability and easy integration with new tools.</li> <li>• The data space must specify the standards and methods for complying with regulations, identifying Trusted Service Providers (TSPs), and managing them according to Electronic Identification and Trust Services (eIDAS) regulation.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>                                 |   |

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| <p>T2.2. Metadata and data formats (CCM2.2, 4.3)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will the data space manage semantics for the defined data products?</li> <li>• What standards are used for data and metadata formats?</li> <li>• What is the level of ambition for semantic interoperability, both within the data space and across data spaces?</li> <li>• How are metadata incompatibilities resolved?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan for dynamic updates with a governance mechanism for shared semantics.</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The data space participants follow ISO 8000 standards to ensure metadata quality.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>                                       |  |
| <p>T3. Functional requirements</p>                   |  |
| <p>T3.1. Technical interfaces (CCM4.3)</p>           | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What technical interfaces are required, and how are they defined?</li> <li>• How will their evolution and backward compatibility be managed?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include plans for managing changes and versioning.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified DSP-compliant connector is a mandatory requirement for participation in the Data Space.</li> <li>• REST APIs are used for secure data exchange.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Answer:</p>                                       |  |

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| <p>T3.2. Identity and access management (CCM1.3, 2.4, 4.1)</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How will identities and access control be managed, i.e. IAM solutions?</li> <li>• How are trusted participant identities created, managed, and governed?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow the DSSC building block called “Identity and Attestation Management” which explains how verified identities ensure trust and security within the data space.</li> <li>• Verifiable Credentials (VCs) can be used to describe digital attestations in a data space.</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To manage digital identities and verify their information, the data spaces will use W3C Verifiable Credentials and Decentralised Identifiers (DIDs).</li> </ul>   |
| <p>Answer:</p>   |  |
| <p>T3.3. Data usage control solution (CCM4.2, 4.4)</p>         | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are permissions managed?</li> <li>• What standards or solutions are used?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider solutions for data usage policy creation, policy libraries and user interfaces to assign the policies for data products.</li> <li>• The DSSC Access Control and Usage Policies Enforcement building block provides guidance on specifying role-based access controls, permission settings, and usage policies tailored to each use case to regulate data access and operations.</li> <li>• Open Digital Rights Language (ODRL) should be used for creating and enforcing usage policies.</li> <li>• Federated Services like the Policy Information Point (PIP) can support these functionalities.</li> <li>• Use GDPR-compliant tools and solutions for consent management.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The participants have to use ODRL to describe the data policies.</li> <li>• Permissions are stored securely using a blockchain-based audit trail.</li> </ul> |

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| Answer:                               |  |
| T3.4. Transaction management (CCM4.5) | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are data-related transactions monitored and governed?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider the standardisation efforts related to trusted transactions in data spaces.</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transactions are validated with digital signatures and blockchain-based confirmation.</li> </ul>   |
| Answer:                               |  |
| T3.5. Data governance solution        | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the data life cycle management and data governance technical solutions?</li> <li>• How to manage the data over its lifecycle from creation to use to its potential deletion?</li> <li>• Is there a way to trace the origin and history of data within the data space?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Utilise data governance tools for managing policies, access, and compliance.</li> <li>• Implement monitoring mechanisms to track data usage, changes, and lifecycle status.</li> <li>• DSSC Publication and Discovery building block describes that offerings can be stored and published inside a local or a centralised catalogue.</li> <li>• DSSC Provenance and Traceability building block provides mechanisms to track data lineage.</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data is tagged with metadata that includes creation date, ownership, retention period, and expiration rules. Outdated data is archived after 1 year and securely deleted after 5 years.</li> </ul> |
| Answer:                               |  |
| T4. Information management            |  |

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| T4.1. Change control                           | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the principles for managing changes in the data space?</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Git-based repositories are used to ensure controlled deployments.</li> </ul>   |
| Answer:  |  |
| T4.2. Data location and availability (CCM4.5)  | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where is the data located, and how is it transferred and made available?</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data has a 99.9% uptime SLA, with redundancy across servers that are located in the EU.</li> </ul>  |
| Answer:  |  |
| T4.3. Data services (technical implementation) | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What data services are provided in the data space?</li> <li>• What are the technical requirements and implementation strategies for these services?</li> <li>• How are these services audited in terms of quality, frequency, and compliance with standards?</li> <li>• Who is responsible for providing, maintaining, and monitoring these services?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify services, such as federated data catalogue, identity and access management services, vocabulary service.</li> <li>• Specify if the services are to be implemented as centralised, federated or distributed manner.</li> <li>• Ensure these services are scalable, interoperable, and compliant with the data space's technical architecture.</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Document all federated services and provide access guidelines for participants.</li> </ul> |
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| <p>T4.4. Data quality (technical implementation)</p>      | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is data quality measured, monitored, and managed within the data space?</li> <li>• Are there processes for addressing missing, outdated, or inaccurate data?</li> <li>• How is success measured in terms of data quality improvements?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish clear standards for accuracy, completeness, timeliness, and consistency of data.</li> <li>• Implement automated tools and processes to monitor real-time and historical data quality.</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All incoming data undergoes automated validation checks to ensure completeness and compliance with metadata standards.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>  |  |
| <p>T5. Security</p>                                       |  |
| <p>T5.1. Security risk and threat assessment (CCM4.2)</p> | <p>Key question:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are security risks identified, assessed, and mitigated?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data sharing is characterised by the movement of data across organisational boundaries from one physical location to another, for example via a cloud solution.</li> <li>• Security risk assessments need to consider not only physical security and individual organisational issues, but also the risks associated with Data Spaces and network interoperability.</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual security testing and auditing.</li> </ul>  |
| <p>Answer:</p>  |  |



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| <p>T5.2. Data and data space related threats</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the key security threats to data and the operation of the data space?</li> <li>• What preventive measures can be implemented to address intentional and unintentional threats?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Classify threats into categories like user-based threats (phishing, social manipulation), technical threats (data hijacking, data loss), and operational threats (insider threats, service interruptions).</li> <li>• Ensure that security and privacy breach notifications are specified within the contractual agreements and include penalties for non-compliance.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role-based access control (RBAC) ensures only authorised personnel can access sensitive data.</li> <li>• Monitoring tools log all data access and usage to ensure compliance and detect unauthorised actions.</li> </ul>                                     |
| <p>Answer:</p>                                   |   |
| <p>T5.3. Security objectives and regulation</p>  | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the security objectives of each participant and the data space as a whole?</li> <li>• Are there specific regulations governing data security that must be adhered to?</li> <li>• How will compliance with security regulations and objectives be ensured?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clearly define overarching security goals, such as ensuring data confidentiality, integrity, availability, and compliance with regulatory frameworks.</li> <li>• Ensure that security objectives align with relevant laws, regulations, and industry standards.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data confidentiality will be ensured through encryption, with strict access controls and monitoring mechanisms.</li> <li>• The Gaia-X framework provides guidelines on security through its federated trust and compliance model, which will be adopted for this data space.</li> </ul> |

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| <p>T5.4. Risk and security management process and tools</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What processes and tools are in place for identifying, managing, and mitigating risks and vulnerabilities?</li> <li>• How are exceptions, incidents, and damage control handled in the data space?</li> <li>• How is the probability and impact of risks evaluated?</li> <li>• What combination of tools and frameworks ensures transparency, security, and control?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Once threats and vulnerabilities have been identified, the severity of the threats to the data space can be assessed, for example by determining the probability of each risk and the magnitude of the damage if the risk materialises.</li> <li>• This will help identify the risks that are most critical to address in the design of the data space</li> <li>• Define workflows for incident detection, reporting, escalation, and resolution.</li> </ul> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adopt a SIEM (Security Information and Event Management) system for security monitoring, threat detection, risk analysis, and reporting.</li> <li>• Role-based access controls and encryption address unauthorised access risks.</li> </ul> |
| Answer:   |   |
| <p>T5.5. Confidentiality of data</p>                        | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How is the confidentiality of data defined, ensured, and managed across the Data Space?</li> <li>• What are the processes for preventing unauthorised access or disclosure of data?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish clear policies to define confidentiality levels (e.g., public, internal, confidential, highly confidential). Align these definitions with the sensitivity of the data and its impact on participants.</li> <li>• Implement technical measures such as encryption, access control mechanisms, and secure data transfer protocols to protect confidential data.</li> </ul>  |

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| Answer:                                   |   |
| T6. Privacy and personal data             |   |
| T6.1. Inclusion of personal data (CCM2.3) | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the data transmitted in the Data Space include personal data?</li> <li>• What are the purposes for personal data collection?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable individual.</li> <li>• Only if it can be certain that the data does not contain personal data can data protection legislation be disregarded.</li> </ul>  |
| Answer:                                   |   |
| T6.2. Personal data management solution   | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How are permissions for processing personal data technically managed, logged, monitored and reported?</li> <li>• Is there a needed e.g., for anonymisation?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anonymisation often requires a case-by-case assessment, but as a general requirement, identification must be irreversibly prevented and in such a way that the controller or other third party can no longer use the data in its possession to make the data re-identifiable.</li> <li>• Note also that pseudonymisation, where personal data can be traced back to a specific individual, for example by means of a code key, is still interpreted as personal data.</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data is anonymised before sharing to ensure GDPR compliance.</li> </ul> |
| Answer:                                   |   |

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| <p>T6.3. Personal data related obligations</p> | <p>Key questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the obligations of each party in the data space regarding personal data processing and protection?</li> <li>• How are data subjects' rights (e.g., access, rectification, erasure) fulfilled, and who is responsible for these obligations?</li> </ul> <p>Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In principle, the information obligations and right of the data subjects based on regulation apply to each party processing personal data, but a rulebook may agree on the joint handling of the information obligations for personal data.</li> <li>• Alternatively, they may not be agreed separately, but each party will manage its own obligations.</li> </ul> <p>Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each participant must maintain its own GDPR compliance processes, including consent management, secure storage, and fulfilling data subjects' rights within 30 days.</li> </ul> |
| <p>Answer:</p>                                 |   |

## Issues and Questions

What other issues and questions have emerged during the planning?

## Links to related documentation

Add here other potential documentation related to the technology design of the data space.

References and standard

## Ethical maturity model [TOOL]

The maturity model presented in next page is tool that is developed to help organisation to evaluate its ethical maturity. However, it is developed such way that it would help the practitioners to have deeper view of situation in own organisation. Likewise, it provides conceptual and analytical tool that can be used to clarify the question “what should we do” by emphasising issues that needs not only to deal with but give deeper focus and considerations. Hence, the maturity model should not be seen as mere list of checkbox items, that is filled and forgotten. At best maturity model can serve as ground for discussion about organisational culture and values by providing different themes that help to start to critical self-investigation in personal and organisational levels.

Table 1: Ethical maturity model

|         | Security  | Commitment to ethical practices   | Transparency and communication   | Sustainability   | Human-centricity  | Fair Networking  | Purpose   |
|---------|---|---|--|--|---|--|---|
| Level 0 | "I believe that this is very secure"  | "We prefer not to commit, we are free"  | "Just trust us"  | "Let it burn"  | "What this has to do with the people?"  | "Anarchy"  | "We do what we want to do"  |
| Level 1 | There are proper antivirus, firewall and other needed security tools in use, and they are properly updated.                               | Organisation follows regulations and the best practices of its own field.   | Organisation follows the regulations and uses truthful communication.                  | Organisation has documented sustainability plan/program.                     | The individuals are recognised as stakeholder and their rights are taken account.                                 | Organisation aligns it rules and regulations to best practices of industry                                   | Organisation has stated reasons for data collection and usage   |
| Level 2 | There is a dedicated person to keep up with information security.   | Organisation has implemented and is committed to following ethical code(s) or other codes of conduct.                             | Organisation supports open internal communication and responsible information sharing. | There is an evaluation model for sustainability with clear indicators.       | Organisation collects information of the needs of individuals to improve people-centricity.                       | Organisation defines and documents practices and provides the needed information for data space participants | Organisation has transparent rules how data can be used in the future                                 |
| Level 3 | There are clearly documented procedures for the preparation of security threats.  | There are clear well documented procedures for actions to be taken when ethical issues occur.                                     | There is a transparent, documented plan for internal and external communication        | Organisation impact on the environment is neutral or positive.               | Individuals have low-level ways to communicate with the organisation and their opinions are systematically noted. | Organisation supports and encourages a fair data sharing in ecosystems.                                      | Organisation negotiates with information sources to gain mutual understanding of fair information use |
| Level 4 | The whole organisation has internalised the importance of security and it is constantly monitored and developed through the organisation. | Organisational policies and procedures are developed critically from ethical perspective together with all relevant stakeholders. | Organisation openly communicates its procedures and policies.                          | Organisation is actively advancing the sustainability of its business field. | Organisation will actively involve all relevant stakeholders in decision making.                                  | Organisation actively seeks to ways to advance possibilities of whole ecosystems.                            | Organisation has clear, public, documented goals and procedure of information use                     |

# Rolebook [TOOL]

The purpose of this tool is for a data space to define certain important roles and to record their associated rights and responsibilities.

Data space roles are split into two clusters. Cluster A (Table 2) describes roles relative to the governance of an entire data space: founding members, members, and optionally additional membership categories. Note that additionally there are external stakeholders like individuals, whose personal data are processed in the dataspace and whose rights are utmost important to respect, but they are not members of the dataspace.

Founding Member is an initial data space participant that executes the Constitutive Agreement. The founding members define the original ground rules of the data space and draft the rulebook.

Additional membership categories are included for those data spaces, where there are e.g. large numbers of less-resourced participants who do not have the interest or capacity to partake in the full governance of a data space, but want to share, process, or use data in the data space, nonetheless. It is possible to define a special membership category for them to meet their need and capabilities in the data space.

Cluster B (Table 3), on the other hand, describes roles relative to a single use case within a data space: data transaction participants (data provider and data user), data rights holders, and service providers. Cluster B roles are non-exclusive. In other words, the same actor may perform multiple roles as they engage in multiple use cases in the data space, or even within a single use case.

Cluster A and Cluster B roles can be mapped against each other in a matrix that defines how the roles must, can, or cannot coincide in a specific data space (Table 4).

## Cluster A roles: Data space governance perspective

Table 2: Cluster A – Roles relative to the governance of a data space

| Type                                    | Full decision-making rights     | Responsibility to commit to the rulebook  | Right to be represented in the governance                          | [Right A / Responsibility B] |
|---|---------------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|
| <b>Founding members</b>                 | Yes, as defined in the rulebook | Define the rules, draft the contracts, sign the constitutive agreement  | Yes, as defined in the rulebook                                    |                              |
| <b>Members</b>                          | Yes, as defined in the rulebook | Yes, as founding members have defined, sign an accession agreement  | Yes, as defined in the rulebook                                    |                              |
| <b>Additional membership categories</b> | As defined in the rulebook      | Yes, possibly more limited commitments as founding members have defined, sign a (different) accession agreement | Not necessarily, but e.g. through proxy as defined in the rulebook |                              |

This tool is:

- **Pre-structured** with the three most common data space governance roles and the three rights and responsibilities that distinguish these roles from each other.
- **Extensible** so that data spaces can add additional and sub-types of roles and additional rights and responsibilities, such as access to or provision of core infrastructure or services, onboarding criteria, etc.
- **Partially pre-populated** leaving lot of flexibility for the founding members to adapt the model for their purposes in the rulebook.



Note that any modifications and refinements in the model should be propagated into the corresponding agreements, especially to the constitutive agreement, accession agreements (possibly different for additional membership categories) and the governance model.

## Cluster B roles: Data space use case perspective

Table 3: Cluster B roles related to specific use case within a data space

| Type                           | Sub-type   | Right to provide data  | Right to use data                          | Right to impose conditions on the use of data                        | [Right A / Responsibility B] |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|------------------------------|
| <b>Transaction participant</b> | <b>Data provider</b>   | Yes  |  |  |                              |
|                                | <b>Data user</b>   |  | Yes  |  |                              |
| <b>Data rights holders</b>     | <b>Data rights holder</b>  |  |  | Yes  |                              |
| <b>Service provider</b>        | <b>Value adding services on top of data or datasets</b>  |  | Yes, for the purposes of service providing |  |                              |
| <b>Operator</b>                | <b>Technical, legal, procedural or organisational services that enable data transactions to be performed</b> | Only in relation to the service, e.g. log data or authorisation data | No   | Only in relation to the service, e.g. log data or authorisation data |                              |

This tool is:

- **Pre-structured** with the most common use case roles and role types and the most relevant rights associated with a use case.

- **Extensible** so that data spaces can add sub-types of roles (e.g., specific service provider roles) and additional rights and responsibilities, such as the requirement to have a DGA DISP label to be allowed to provide certain data intermediation services in the data space.
- **Partially pre-populated** and the rest are left for the data space to define for themselves.

## Cluster A and Cluster B mapping matrix

Table 4: Cluster A and Cluster B mapping matrix

|                              |                    | Founding member | Member | Additional membership categories |
|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| Data transaction participant | Data provider      |                 |        |                                  |
|                              | Data user          |                 |        |                                  |
| Data rights holders          | Data rights holder |                 |        |                                  |
| Service provider             |                    |                 |        |                                  |
| Operator                     |                    |                 |        |                                  |

This tool is used for defining which Cluster A roles must always, can sometimes, or cannot ever coincide with which Cluster B roles. As an example, a data space may define core federation service providers who must always be founding members of the data space and can never be only members or in other membership categories. Or it may define that data users must always belong to a certain membership category of the data space, but data providers are not required to be so – anyone can share their data in the data space.

## Servicebook [TOOL]

The purpose of this tool is to support the business design of the data space regarding services required and offered. It suggests a classification of different technical services that follows the DSSC Blueprint v1.5<sup>2</sup>, but others may be adopted. Using this tool will help define key aspects of service governance in a data space, namely: which services are considered “core” or mandatory for the data space to function, who can provide each type of services, what additional policies apply to the provision of specific services (such as whether the costs of the service are covered by the Governance authority or by individual participants), and possibly other aspects of governing different types of services.

*Table 5. Data space service book*

| Type                       | Service                              | “Core” service designation | Approved provider (s) | Applicable policies | [Condition A] |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Federation services        | Data space registry services         |                            |                       |                     |               |
|                            | Validation and verification services |                            |                       |                     |               |
|                            | Policy information point services    |                            |                       |                     |               |
|                            | Catalogue services                   |                            |                       |                     |               |
|                            | Vocabulary services                  |                            |                       |                     |               |
|                            | Observability services               |                            |                       |                     |               |
| Participant agent services | Participant agent services           |                            |                       |                     |               |
| Value creation services    | (Any can be defined)                 |                            |                       |                     |               |

<sup>2</sup> <https://dssc.eu/space/bv15e/766067344/Services+for+Implementing+Technical+Building+Blocks>

# General Terms and Conditions

## 1 Applicability, Scope, and Governance

- 1.1 The Data Space is established by the Constitutive Agreement, which is signed by the Founding Members of the Data Space.
- 1.2 The provisions of these General Terms and Conditions will become applicable to and legally binding on the data sharing agreements of the Parties to the Data Space upon the execution of the Constitutive Agreement and any further Accession Agreements, as applicable.
- 1.3 If a discrepancy arises between any of the terms and conditions established in the Constitutive Agreement, any Accession Agreements and these General Terms and Conditions, including any of their appendices or schedules, any such discrepancy will be resolved in accordance with the following order of priority:
  1. the clauses of the Constitutive Agreement
  2. the clauses of any Accession Agreement(s)
  3. Dataset Terms of Use and related Schedules
  4. these General Terms and Conditions
  5. other Appendices to the Constitutive Agreement in numerical order.
- 1.4 Any amendments to or derogations from these General Terms and Conditions must be agreed upon in the Constitutive Agreement in order to be valid.

## 2 Definitions

- 2.1 In these General Terms and Conditions, the following capitalised terms and expressions have the following meanings, and the singular (where appropriate) includes the plural and vice versa:

**Accession Agreement** means the agreement that governs the admission of parties to the Constitutive Agreement and the Data Space after the execution of the Constitutive Agreement.

**Affiliate** means any individual, company, corporation, partnership or other entity that, directly or indirectly, controls, is controlled by, or is under shared control with Party.

**Appendix** means any appendix to the Constitutive Agreement.

**Confidential Information** refers to trade secrets as defined in the EU Directive 2016/943 of 8 June 2016 on the protection of undisclosed know-how and business information (trade secrets) against their unlawful acquisition, use and disclosure, point (1) of Article 2 provided it is: (a) if disclosed in writing or in other tangible form, clearly marked as confidential or proprietary by the disclosing Party at the time of disclosure, or (b) if disclosed in other than tangible form, identified as confidential at the time of disclosure and confirmed and designated in writing to the receiving Party within fourteen (14) calendar days from the disclosure as confidential information by the disclosing Party.

**Constitutive Agreement** means the agreement under which the Data Space is established and any of its appendices.

**Data** means any digital representation of acts, facts or information and any compilation of such acts, facts or information, including in the form of sound, visual or audio-visual recording, that Data Providers have distributed, transmitted, shared or otherwise made available to the Data Space based on the Constitutive Agreement and during its period of validity as further defined in the respective Dataset Terms of Use.

**Data Controller** has the same meaning as defined in Article 4(7) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679). It refers to anyone which, alone or jointly with others, determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data.

**Data Processor** has the same meaning as defined in Article 4(8) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation (EU) 2016/679). It refers to anyone that processes personal data on behalf of the Data Controller.

**Data Space** means the group consisting of the Parties who share Data in accordance with the Constitutive Agreement.

**Data Processing Agreement** means a written contract concluded between a controller and a processor that processes Personal Data on behalf of the controller, which sets out the subject matter and duration of the processing, the nature and purpose of the processing, the type of Personal Data and categories of data subjects, and the obligations and rights of the controller.

**Data Provider** means any natural person or an organisation that provides Data for the Parties to use via the Data Space.

**Data Rights Holder** means an entity (a human being or a legal entity) that alone or jointly with others has rights and/or obligations to grant access to or share certain personal or non-personal data.

**Dataset** means a collection of Data whose use the Data Provider authorises via the Data Space. Datasets and their related terms and conditions are defined more in more detail in the respective Dataset Terms of Use.

**Dataset Terms of Use** means the terms under which the Data Provider grants a right to use the Data included in the Dataset to the Service Providers and/or Data Users.

**Data User** means any of the Parties to which Service Providers provide Data and/or services or to which the Data Provider provides Data, and which do not redistribute the Data further.

**Derived Material** means information derived from Data or information that is created as a result of the combination, refining and/or processing of Data with other data. In case there is a need to clarify the borderline between Data and Derived material, additional requirements for what is not considered Derived Material shall be identified in the respective Dataset Terms of Use,

**Founding Members** are the initial Parties that execute the Constitutive Agreement.

**Governance Model** means an appendix to the Constitutive Agreement that includes a network-specific description of the rules and procedures of accession (i.e., who may be admitted to the Data Space and how), applicable decision-making mechanisms, and further governance provisions regarding the administration of the Data Space.

**Intellectual Property Rights** means patents, trademarks, trade and business names, design rights, utility models, copyrights (including copyrights in computer software), and database rights, in each case registered or unregistered and including any similar rights to any of these rights in any jurisdiction and any pending applications or rights to apply for the registration of any of these rights.

**List of Members** means a list of Parties which is included as an appendix to the Constitutive Agreement, and which is updated upon the accession of new Parties and the termination of incumbent Parties.

**Operator** means any Party that provides data system or any other infrastructure services for the Data Space that are related e.g., to identity or consent management, logging or service management.

**Operator Service Agreement** means any service level agreements governing the services provided by any of the Operators to the Data Space or to its Members.

**Party** or **Member** means a Data Space Participant, i.e. a party to the Constitutive Agreement and/or to an Accession Agreement.

**Permission** means any legal right to the processing of Data.

**Permissioning** means managing all kinds of legally relevant Permissions to use Data.

**Personal Data** has the meaning set forth in Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (the General Data Protection Regulation, **GDPR**).

**Schedule** means any schedule to the Dataset Terms of Use.

**Service Provider** means any of the Parties that combines, refines and processes data and provides the processed Data and/or a service, which is based on the Data, to the use of Data Users, other Service Providers or Third-Party Data Users.

**Third Party** means a party other than a Party.

**Third Party Data User** means any Third Party that receives any Data directly or indirectly from any of the Service Providers.

## 3 Role-specific responsibilities

- 3.1 The potential roles defined under these General Terms and Conditions for the Parties to the Constitutive Agreement are (1) the Data Provider, (2) the Service Provider, (3) the Data User and (4) the Operator. A Party may simultaneously occupy multiple roles. In such case, the relevant Party must comply with all applicable obligations related to each role and relevant Data. In addition, Third Party Data User is a role recognised under these General Terms and Conditions as applying to any stakeholders who are not a Party to the Constitutive Agreement but who receive Data.
- 3.2 A more specific determination of role-specific responsibilities may be included in the Constitutive Agreement.

## Data Provider

- 3.3 The Data Provider will be responsible for defining the Dataset Terms of Use for any Data that the Data Provider makes available within the Data Space. This includes the right to define the purposes for which relevant Data can be processed, the right to allow the redistribution of Data to Data Users and, where applicable, to Third Party Data Users, and the right to prohibit the unauthorised use of Data and the right to cease sharing Data within the Data Space. The Data Provider must ensure that an adequate Permissioning mechanism is in place to make sure that the Data Rights Holders have control over their data to the extent applicable laws require, and the Data Users are able to get the Permissions they need. The Data Provider must notify the Parties to whom the Data Provider makes the Dataset available of any new Dataset Terms of Use, after which the Dataset Terms of Use will bind the other Parties. Unless otherwise defined in the applicable Dataset Terms of Use, any changes introduced by the Data Provider to the applicable Dataset Terms of Use will become effective within thirty (30) days from the relevant Parties to the Data Space being sent a notification of such change. Changes to the Dataset Terms of Use must not have retroactive effect.
- 3.4 The Data Provider shall provide Data for the use of the Data Space in a machine-readable form and by a method as defined by the Data Provider in the applicable Dataset Terms of Use (e.g., application programming interface, downloadable package or other method).
- 3.5 As an exception to the above clause 3.3, the Data Provider may undertake to grant the right to use certain specific Datasets or types of data to the Data Space for a fixed period, in order to protect investments made in the Data Space by other Parties in good faith.

## Service Provider

- 3.6 The Service Provider will be responsible for processing Data in accordance with the Constitutive Agreement and the applicable Dataset Terms of Use.
- 3.7 The Service Provider must keep records of its processing activities and deliver on request, reasonably detailed reports on usage, processing and redistribution of Data to the relevant Data Provider(s).

## Data User

- 3.8 The Data User must use Data in accordance with the Constitutive Agreement and the applicable Dataset Terms of Use.



## Operator

- 3.9 The Data Space may involve one or several Operators. The Operator(s) are responsible for providing the Data Space with services that facilitate the operations of the relevant Data Space, such as authentication, identification, and identity/consent management services or for ensuring data security or providing technical data protection solutions for the Data Space and as further defined in the applicable Operator Service Agreement.
- 3.10 Any Operator Service Agreement(s) concluded with the Party/Parties and the Operator(s) may be included as an Appendix to the Constitutive Agreement.
- 3.11 Operator shall adhere to any regulatory requirements such as notifications required by applicable legislation.
- 3.12 Should an operator or any other participant meet the definition of a data intermediary service provider under the Data Governance Act (DGA), the requirements set out in Chapter III of the DGA apply.

## 4 Redistribution of Data

- 4.1 The Parties shall have the right to redistribute the Data to the other Parties, unless such redistribution has been specifically prohibited under applicable Dataset Terms of Use. Parties can redistribute Data to Third Party Data Users only if permitted under the applicable Dataset Terms of Use or applicable laws.
- 4.2 If the Data Provider chooses to allow redistribution of the Data to Third Party Data Users, the Data Provider shall be responsible for determining those Dataset Terms of Use which apply to the redistribution. A Service Provider must include such terms and conditions concerning Data redistribution into any agreements or terms and conditions with Third Party Data Users.
- 4.3 Notwithstanding the above, the Parties shall have the right to redistribute Data to their Affiliates, unless applicable Dataset Terms of use explicitly prohibit such redistribution. Each Party shall be responsible for ensure that their Affiliates comply with the Constitutive Agreement.

## Derived Material and its Redistribution

- 4.4 Rights to Derived Material shall belong to the Party generating such Derived Material and the restrictions of use set out for the Data in the Dataset Terms of Use shall not cover Derived Material. Any restrictions for the use or redistribution of Derived Material shall be explicitly set out in the Dataset Terms of Use, if any.

- 4.5 The Parties are entitled to redistribute Derived Materials to the other Parties and any Third Party, unless specifically prohibited in the applicable Dataset Terms of Use.

## **Processing and Redistribution of Personal Data**

- 4.6 The redistribution of any Personal Data or Derived Materials created on the basis of any Personal Data may be subject to more detailed requirements and restrictions. Each Data Controller shall on its own behalf ensure that any redistribution and other use of Derived Material shall take place in accordance with applicable data protection legislation. Additionally, any conduct between Data Controllers and Data Processors shall be subject to the applicable Data Processing Agreements. The Parties may also choose to separately agree on more detailed stipulations about the processing of Personal Data as part of the Dataset Terms of Use.

# **5 General responsibilities**

## **Data security, protection and management**

- 5.1 Each Party must designate a contact person for data security matters, who is responsible for the relevant Party's data systems that are connected to the Data Space and for the implementation of the Party's security policy.
- 5.2 Each Party to the Data Space must have, sufficient capabilities to process Data securely and in accordance with the relevant data security standards and data protection legislation. The Parties must implement and maintain suitable technical, organisational and physical measures that are in line with good market practice, by taking into account the nature of the Data processed by the Party. Each Party must have the capability to properly perform its obligations under the Constitutive Agreement and applicable Dataset Terms of Use and, where necessary, to cease processing activities without undue delay for any relevant reason.
- 5.3 The aforementioned capabilities include e.g. the capability to control Data and its processing by being aware of
- the origins of the Data (specifically whether the origin is the Party itself, another Party or Third Party);
  - the basis for processing Data;

- the restrictions and limitations that apply to processing Data; and
  - the rights and restrictions that apply to redistributing or refining Data.
- 5.4 Parties must also be capable of recognising Data and removing or returning it if the basis for the processing of Data expires. The obligation to remove or return Data is not applicable to Derived Materials.
- 5.5 Any identified data security breaches must be duly documented, rectified and reported to the affected Parties without undue delay. All involved Parties have a mutual responsibility to contribute reasonably to the investigation of any data security breaches within the Data Space.

## Subcontractors

- 5.6 The Parties will have the right to employ subcontractors to perform their obligations under the Constitutive Agreement. Where and to the extent that the outsourced functions require it, the Parties may allow their subcontractors to access Data. The Parties will be responsible for the subcontracted performance as for their own.

## 6 Fees and costs

- 6.1 Data is shared within the Data Space free of charge, unless otherwise defined in the applicable Dataset Terms of Use.
- 6.2 Notwithstanding the above, data will always be provided free of charge if required by the Data Act or other applicable law.
- 6.3 Each Party will bear their own costs related to accessing the Data Space and operating as a Member of the Data Space.
- 6.4 Unless otherwise agreed by Parties, the joint costs incurred for the maintenance and administration of the Data Space will be allocated in equal shares between the Parties. For the avoidance of doubt, the maintenance and administration of the Data Space does not include the costs of Data where applicable and as defined in the Dataset Terms of Use in question.

## 7 Confidentiality

- 7.1 The Parties must use any Confidential Information they receive in connection with the operation of the Data Space and/or regarding the Data Space only for the purposes for which such Confidential Information has been provided. The Parties must not unlawfully use or disclose to Third Parties any such Confidential Information they have become aware of in the course of the operation of the Data Space.
- 7.2 At the expiration or termination of the Constitutive Agreement, the Parties must cease to use Confidential Information and, upon request by any Party, verifiably return or destroy any copies thereof. Notwithstanding the above, the Parties are entitled to continue to use the Data subject to clause 10.2. In addition, the Parties may retain copies of Confidential Information as required by the applicable law or competent authorities.
- 7.3 If a Party is, under the applicable law or an order issued by a competent authority, obliged to disclose another Party's Confidential Information to the authorities or Third Parties, the obliged Party must promptly notify the affected Party whose Confidential Information will be disclosed of such disclosure if so permitted under the applicable law or the competent authority's order.
- 7.4 The confidentiality obligations established in these General Terms and Conditions will survive the termination of the Constitutive Agreement.

## 8 Intellectual property rights

- 8.1 The Intellectual Property Rights of the Parties must be respected and protected in connection with the operation of the Data Space.
- 8.2 Signing the Constitutive Agreement and sharing any Data within the Data Space does not result in the transfer of any Intellectual Property Rights. More specific provisions, if any, concerning the Intellectual Property Rights that relate to specific Datasets are included in the applicable Dataset Terms of Use. For the avoidance of doubt, any new Intellectual Property Rights created by a Party will vest in the creating Party as further defined in the applicable legislation governing Intellectual Property Rights.
- 8.3 Data Provider is responsible for ensuring that it has sufficient rights for the provision of Data in accordance with the Dataset Terms of Use.

- 8.4 The Parties are entitled to utilise software robots or other forms and applications of robotic process automation or machine learning or artificial intelligence when processing Data. In accordance with the aforementioned and the applicable Dataset Terms of Use, the Parties have the right to learn from Data and to use any professional skills and experience acquired when processing Data.

## 9 Data protection

- 9.1 Any Personal Data processed within the Data Space must be processed in accordance with the applicable data protection laws and regulations.
- 9.2 Terms that are not defined here, have the meaning stated in the GDPR or other applicable data protection laws.
- 9.3 For the purposes of processing Personal Data within the Data Space, any Parties disclosing or receiving Data are, individually and separately, assumed to be controllers under the provisions of the GDPR. The said Parties are also assumed to be processing Data on their own behalf unless the Parties have concluded a written Data Processing Agreement that sets out the subject matter and duration of the processing, the nature and purpose of the processing, the type of Personal Data and categories of data subjects and the obligations and rights of the controller and the processor. Where any such Data Processing Agreement is applicable in general to certain Dataset(s) or services provided under the Constitutive Agreement, it must be included as an Appendix to the Constitutive Agreement.
- 9.4 The Parties must prevent the unauthorised and unlawful processing of Personal Data by employing appropriate technical and organisational measures. The Parties must ensure that persons allowed to process Personal Data have committed to keeping such data confidential or are bound by an appropriate statutory obligation of confidentiality.
- 9.5 Personal Data that is shared within the Data Space can be transferred within the European Union and the European Economic Area (EEA). This kind of Personal Data can also be transferred outside the EU and the EEA in compliance with the applicable data protection legislation and case law, unless otherwise prescribed by the applicable Dataset Terms of Use.
- 9.6 The Parties commit to provide reasonable assistance to the other Parties where such assistance is need in order for the other Party to comply with its obligations under the applicable data protection legislation.

## 10 Termination and validity

- 10.1 If the Constitutive Agreement is concluded for a fixed period, it will expire without separate notice at the end of the applicable fixed period. If the Constitutive Agreement is concluded for an indefinite period, it will expire upon termination by the Parties.
- 10.2 The Parties are entitled to continue to use any Data received through the Data Space prior to the termination of the Constitutive Agreement, unless otherwise determined in the applicable Dataset Terms of Use or agreed by the Parties in the Constitutive Agreement. In such case, the clauses governing use of Data in these General Terms and Conditions, Dataset Terms of Use and/or in the Constitutive Agreement, remain in force according to the Clause 17.1.
- 10.3 Any Party may choose to terminate the Constitutive Agreement as defined in the Constitutive Agreement. Notice of termination must be provided in writing to the Parties of Constitutive Agreement. In the event that there are more than two Parties to the Constitutive Agreement, the Constitutive Agreement will remain in force for the remaining Parties following the termination thereof by one Party.
- 10.4 Where the Parties have agreed on a process for amending the Constitutive Agreement otherwise than by the written consent of all Parties, any Party that objects to such an amendment in writing after having become aware of it will be entitled to terminate the Constitutive Agreement by notifying the other Parties thereof. The termination will become effective after the objecting Party has submitted the aforementioned notice to the other Parties, after which the amendment will enter into force unless the agreeing Parties have agreed on a later date.
- 10.5 In the event that there are only two Parties to the Constitutive Agreement and one Party commits a material breach of the provisions of the Constitutive Agreement, the other Party will have the unilateral right to terminate the Constitutive Agreement with immediate effect by providing the other Party with a written notice.
- 10.6 In the event that there are more than two Parties to the Constitutive Agreement and one Party commits a material breach of the provisions of the Constitutive Agreement, the Steering Committee will have the right to terminate the Constitutive Agreement with the breaching Party with immediate effect. Notice of any such termination must be provided in writing to all Parties.
- 10.7 If the breach can be rectified, the non-breaching Party/Parties may resolve to suspend the performance of their obligations under the Constitutive Agreement until the breaching Party has rectified the breach.

10.8 Where a Member's membership in the Data Space is terminated as a consequence of the Member's material breach of the Constitutive Agreement, the breaching Member's right to use the Data will end at the date of the termination. The breaching Member must cease to use the Data and, upon request by any Party, verifiably return or destroy Data and any copies of Confidential Information including copies thereof. However, the breaching Member is entitled to retain the Data as required by the applicable law or competent authorities provided that the breaching Member notifies the Data Provider of such a data retention obligation by the date of termination.

## 11 Liability

11.1 The Parties will only be liable for direct damages that result from a breach of the provisions of the Constitutive Agreement as defined hereinafter and where applicable, in the Constitutive Agreement. Any other liabilities are hereby excluded, unless otherwise specifically defined in the Constitutive Agreement. Parties are not liable for loss of profits or damage that is due to a decrease or interruption in production or turnover, or other indirect or consequential damages.<sup>2</sup>

11.2 The Parties will not be liable for any losses, damages, costs, claims or expenses howsoever arising from a mechanical or electrical breakdown or a power failure or any other cause beyond the reasonable control of the Party; and the Parties must fully compensate any damages resulting from an intentional or grossly negligent breach of the provisions set out in the Constitutive Agreement.

11.3 Each Party, severally and not jointly, will be liable for any infringements of personal data obligations set out in the GDPR in accordance with Article 82 of the GDPR.

## 12 Force Majeure

12.1 No Party will be liable for injuries or damage that arise from events or circumstances that could not be reasonably expected beforehand and are beyond its control (*force majeure*).

12.2 A Party that is unable to perform its obligations due to an event of force majeure must inform other Parties of any such impediment without undue delay. These grounds for non-performance will expire at the moment that the force majeure event passes. This clause is subject to a long-stop date: where performance is prevented for a continuous period of one

hundred and eighty (180) days or more, the Parties are entitled to terminate the Constitutive Agreement as set forth in clause 10.5 or 10.6, as applicable.

## 13 Audit

- 13.1 A Data Provider will be entitled to audit the Parties processing the Data made available by the Data Provider at its own expense, including also material and reasonable direct costs of the audited Party. The purpose and the scope of the audit is limited to verifying compliance with the material requirements of the Constitutive Agreement, the applicable Dataset Terms of Use, and applicable legislation.
- 13.2 The Parties are responsible for imposing the same auditing obligations as set out herein on their Affiliates and the Parties will act in good faith to ensure that the objectives of the Data Provider's audit rights materialise with regard to the subcontractors of a Party.
- 13.3 The auditing Party must notify the audited Party of the audit in writing at least thirty (30) days prior to the audit. The written notice must disclose the scope and duration of the audit and include a list of requested materials and access rights.
- 13.4 The audited Party is entitled to require that the audit is conducted by a mutually acceptable and/or certified independent Third Party.
- 13.5 The Parties are required to retain and provide to the auditing Party and/or the Third Party auditor, for the purposes of the audit, all records and documents as well as access to all necessary data systems and premises and to interview personnel that are of significant importance for the audit. Records and documents thus retained must span to the previous audit or to the accession of the audited Party to the Data Space, whichever is later.
- 13.6 The auditing Party and/or Third Party auditor may only request such records and documents and such access to data systems and premises and to interview personnel that are of significant importance to the audit.
- 13.7 All records, documents and information collected and disclosed in the course of the audit constitute Confidential Information. The auditing Party and/or Third Party auditor may not unlawfully utilise or disclose Confidential Information that it has become aware of in the course of the audit. The auditing Party represents and warrants that any Third Party auditor, where applicable, complies with the applicable confidentiality obligations. The audited Party is entitled to require that the auditing Party and/or Third Party auditor or any other persons participating in the audit sign a personal non-disclosure agreement provided that the terms and conditions of such a non-disclosure agreement are reasonable.



- 13.8 The results, findings and recommendations of the audit must be presented in an audit report. The audited Party is entitled to review any Third Party auditor's audit report in advance (and prior to it being provided to the relevant Data Provider(s) by the Third Party auditor). The audited Party is entitled to require the Third Party auditor to make any such changes to the audit report that are considered reasonable while taking into account the audited Party's Confidential Information and the applicable Data Provider's business interests in the Data. The audited Party must provide its response to the audit report within thirty (30) days. If no response is provided, the audited Party is considered to have accepted the contents of the report.
- 13.9 If the auditing Party justifiably believes the audited Party to be in material breach of the obligations imposed thereupon in the Constitutive Agreement, an additional audit may be conducted.
- 13.10 In the event that the audit reveals a material breach of the obligations imposed in the Constitutive Agreement or the applicable Dataset Terms of Use, the audited Party will be liable for reasonable and verifiable direct expenses incurred as a result of the audit.

## **14 Applicable laws and dispute resolution**

- 14.1 The agreement incorporating these General Terms and Conditions is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws defined in the Constitutive Agreement.
- 14.2 Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in relation to the agreements based on the General Terms and Conditions, or the breach, termination or validity thereof, shall be finally settled by the dispute resolution mechanism defined in the Constitutive Agreement.

## **15 Other provisions**

- 15.1 Unless otherwise agreed by the Parties, any amendments to the Constitutive Agreement and its Appendices must be made in writing and signed by all Parties.
- 15.2 No Party may assign the Constitutive Agreement, either wholly or in part, without a written consent of the other Party/Parties. Notwithstanding the previous, no consent shall be required where the assignee is a company that belongs to the same group of companies as the Party pursuant to the provisions of the Finnish Accounting Act.
- 15.3 If any provision of the Constitutive Agreement or any applicable Dataset Terms of Use is found to be invalid by a court of law or other competent authority, the invalidity of that

provision will not affect the validity of the other provisions established in the Constitutive Agreement.

- 15.4 Each party represents and warrants that it is validly existing and in good standing under the applicable laws of the state of its incorporation or registration. Each Party also represents and warrants that it has all required power and authority to execute, deliver, and perform its obligations under the Constitutive Agreement and, where applicable, to bind its Affiliates.
- 15.5 The Parties intend to create a Data Space that is subject to a single set of contractual terms, and nothing contained in the Constitutive Agreement may be construed to imply that they are partners or parties to a joint venture or the other Parties' principals, agents or employees. No Party will have any right, power, or authority, express or implied, to bind any other Party.
- 15.6 No delay or omission by any Party hereto to exercise any right or power hereunder will impair such right or power, nor may it be construed to be a waiver thereof. A waiver by any of the Parties of any of the covenants to be performed by the other Parties or any breach thereof may not be construed to be a waiver of any succeeding breach thereof or of any other covenant.

## 16 Notices

- 16.1 All notices relating to these General Terms and Conditions and the Constitutive Agreement must be sent in a written or electronic form (including post or email) or delivered in person to the contact person and/or address specified by the respective Party in the Constitutive Agreement or in the applicable Accession Agreement. Each Party will be responsible for ensuring that their contact details are up-to-date. Notices will be deemed to have been received three (3) days after being sent or on proof of delivery.

## 17 Survival

- 17.1 Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 11, 14, 16 and 17 of these General Terms and Conditions will survive the termination of the Constitutive Agreement in its entirety together with any clauses of the Constitutive Agreement that logically ought to survive the termination.
- 17.2 Clause 13 of these General Terms and Conditions will survive for a period of three (3) years following the termination of the Constitutive Agreement in its entirety.

17.3 Clause 7 of these General Terms and Conditions will survive for a period of five (5) years following the termination of the Constitutive Agreement in its entirety.

# Constitutive Agreement [Template]

## PARTIES

1. [Founding Member no. 1]
2. [Founding Member no. 2]
3. [...]³

(Together the “**Parties**” or “**Founding Members**”.)

## APPENDICES

| Appendix         | Description                                      |
|------------------|--|
| 1                | Description of the Data Space <sup>4</sup>       |
| 2                | General Terms and Conditions                     |
| 3                | List of Members and Contact Details <sup>5</sup> |
| 4                | Governance Model                                 |
| [5] <sup>6</sup> | [Any other Appendices]                           |

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<sup>3</sup> Note: List all the Founding Members here.

<sup>4</sup> Note: Please append, where appropriate, any Business or Technical documentation prepared as a result of completing the Checklist for the Rulebook as an Appendix.

<sup>5</sup> Note: This Appendix should include a list of Members and necessary contact details.

<sup>6</sup> Note: Please list all Appendices, such as a Technical appendix describing e.g. APIs (to the extent not included in Appendix 1), Operator Service Agreement, Data Provider SLA, and fixed term commitments or reciprocity of Data

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| [●] | [Code of Conduct] <sup>7</sup> |
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## BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

The Parties are contemplating the establishment of a Data Space in order to [●]<sup>8</sup>.

## DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, including the preamble and the Appendices hereof, unless expressly otherwise stated or evident in the context, the following terms and expressions have the following meanings, the singular (where appropriate) includes the plural and vice versa, and references to Appendices and Sections mean the Appendices and Sections of this Agreement:

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| ”Chair”              | has the meaning set forth in Appendix 4. |
| ”Qualified Majority” | has the meaning set forth in Appendix 4. |
| ”Representatives”    | has the meaning set forth in Appendix 4. |
| “Secretary”          | has the meaning set forth in Appendix 4. |

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Provider(s) to share Data (where applicable) as well as any technical or data security specifications. Where the Data Space involves an Operator, the Members should consider whether the Operator should be a Member of the Data Space. This could provide benefits with regard to governance and the effective management of contractual relations.

<sup>7</sup> Note: As the Code of Conduct includes principles regarding the Data Space, the Founding Members may consider appending the Code of Conduct as an Appendix to the Constitutive Agreement, in which case it is recommended that it be placed after the more detailed and/or technical Appendices in the order of precedence.

<sup>8</sup> Note: The background and purpose of the Data Space should be described herein.

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Other terms and expressions have the meanings defined in **Appendix 2** (General Terms and Conditions).

## THE DATA SPACE

The undersigned hereby establish a Data Space that is further described in **Appendix 1** (Description of the Data Space).

[The Parties agree that new Members may join the Data Space subject to the following conditions:.]<sup>10</sup> **Appendix 3** (The List of Members) will be updated upon the accession of new Parties, the termination of incumbent Parties or any changes in the representatives or their contact details. The updated List of Members is available to the Parties [●]<sup>11</sup>

[The ethical principles that apply to the Data Spaces are laid down in Appendix [5] (Code of Conduct). The Parties agree to comply with these ethical principles in good faith in connection with their conduct within the Data Space.]<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Note: Please list herein, where applicable, any definitions introduced in the Constitutive Agreement or its Appendices (other than General Terms and Conditions).

<sup>10</sup> Note: Please consider whether and to which extent new Members may join the Data Space and if any further accession criteria should apply to such new Members. It is also possible to define additional membership categories as necessary, e.g. for “light members” to have reduced duties and rights in the data space.

<sup>11</sup> Note: This is relevant only where the Conduct of Conduct is appended to the Constitutive Agreement.

<sup>12</sup> Note: It should be noted that the General Terms and Conditions focus mainly on governing the Data within the Data Space and the Parties should agree under this clause on Data Space specific matters and its Members in further detail. The Members’ rights and obligations regarding the Data Space during its lifecycle should be described herein in further detail. This should include the Members’ Data and/or service delivery obligations but also, where applicable, their payment obligations. The Parties should consider entering into a separate project agreement if the establishment of the Data Space requires material investments and carrying out a project, and in such case, the Parties may consider attaching the project agreement to this Agreement and/or agree in this Agreement on sharing the project costs with new Members.

The Data Space is subject to the following provisions:<sup>13</sup>

## **NO EXCLUSIVITY<sup>14</sup>**

Nothing in this Agreement prevents or restricts the Parties from participating in any other Data Spaces, platforms, ecosystems or any other cooperation or from using any services provided by Third Parties. Furthermore, sharing any of the Data within the Data Space does not prevent or restrict the respective Data Provider from sharing such Data with Third Parties at its own discretion.

## **GOVERNANCE OF THE DATA SPACE**

The governance framework that applies to the Data Space is defined in further detail in **Appendix 4<sup>15</sup>**.

The Parties agree to appoint necessary representatives to the governing bodies as defined in **Appendix 4**, and the Parties represent and warrant that their representatives are duly authorised to represent the relevant Party in the governing bodies. Furthermore, the Parties acknowledge any decisions made by the governing bodies as legally effective and binding upon the Parties under this Agreement.

## **DEROGATIONS TO THE GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Parties have agreed to replace the following clauses of the General Terms and Conditions as follows:<sup>16</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> Note: A lack of exclusivity has been adopted as the baseline, but this should not prevent the Founding Members from requiring exclusivity where it is deemed necessary. The Founding Members should carefully assess the need for exclusivity, as it may e.g. result in the need to carry out further competition law analysis.

<sup>14</sup> Note: The wording of the template for the Governance Model is relatively general as the governance requirements for different types of Data Spaces may vary significantly. As a result, the Members should consider amending the Governance Model template to meet the requirements of the respective Data Space and its life cycle.

<sup>15</sup> Note: Any amendments to or derogations from the General Terms and Conditions should be disclosed herein, e.g. in line with the example.

<sup>16</sup> Note: Please fill in the necessary details for the term and termination.

[Examples:

1. Clause 4.1: “The Service Providers are entitled to redistribute any Data made available to the Data Space and any Derived Materials to Third Party Data Users without limitations.”; and
2. Clause 17.3: “Clause 7 of these General Terms and Conditions will survive for a period of three (3) years following the termination of the Constitutive Agreement in its entirety.”]

## **TERMINATION AND VALIDITY<sup>17</sup>**

This Agreement is concluded [for a fixed period of [●] [months/years]] from [●]<sup>18</sup> after which it remains in force for an indefinite period and is subject to a termination period of [●] months.

## **NOTICES**

Any notices provided under this Agreement must be submitted in writing to the Representatives listed in the Appendix 3.<sup>19</sup>

Any change in contact persons or relevant contact details must be disclosed immediately by the respective Party to [the secretary of the Steering Committee, as defined in Appendix 4].<sup>20</sup>

## **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

[The annual total liability of any Party<sup>21</sup> under this Agreement must not exceed the greater of (i) [●] euro; or (ii) [●] per cent of the aggregate fees payable to the breaching party under this

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<sup>17</sup> Note: The Members may want to name a different contact person for formal notices and operational notices in Appendix 3.

<sup>18</sup> Note: Fill in here the date on which the Constitutive Agreement becomes effective, e.g. the 1<sup>st</sup> of March, 2025.

<sup>19</sup> Note: Appendix 4 – Governance Model describes the duties of the secretary of the Steering Committee.

<sup>20</sup> Note: Please consider of liability caps should be defined separately and differently for various roles.

<sup>21</sup> Note: Please consider whether it is worth setting different total liability limits for different roles.



Agreement in the [twelve-month (12 months) period preceding the cause of action giving rise to claim under this clause, whichever is greater.]

Notwithstanding any limitations of liability, General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), Article 82 is applied to damages related to personal data. The above-mentioned limitation of liability does not limit the controller's right to claim back from the other controllers or processors involved in the same processing that part of the compensation corresponding to their part of responsibility for the damage in accordance with the GDPR Art. 82.

## **OTHER TERMS<sup>22</sup>**

## **ENTRY INTO FORCE AND APPLICATION**

This Agreement will enter into force when [executed (signed) by all Parties OR on \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_].

## **APPLICABLE LAWS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

This Agreement is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of \_\_\_\_\_ without regard to its principles of private international law and/or conflict of laws rules.

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in relation to the Data shared under this Agreement, or the breach, termination or validity thereof, shall be finally settled by arbitration in accordance with the Arbitration Rules of \_\_\_\_\_. The number of arbitrators shall be one, the seat of arbitration shall be \_\_\_\_\_ and the language of the arbitration shall be English.

## **COUNTERPARTS**

This agreement has been executed in [ ] identical counterparts, one for each Party [and one for the Steering Committee].

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<sup>22</sup> Note: Please consider any other terms that could be relevant to the Data Space, such as non-solicitation, marketing and promotional activities.

In [city, country], on [date]

[Signatures on the next page]

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

# Accession Agreement [Template]

## ACCEDING PARTY

[Acceding Party]<sup>23</sup>

## APPENDICES

| Appendix | Description  |
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| 1        | Constitutive Agreement   |
| 1.1      | Description of the Data Space                                      |
| 1.2      | General Terms and Conditions                                       |
| 1.3      | List of Members and Contact Details                                |
| 1.4      | Governance Model   |
| 1.5      | Code of Conduct  |
| 1.6      | [Any other Appendices to the Constitutive Agreement] <sup>24</sup> |

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<sup>23</sup> Note: Please insert the Acceding Party's details herein.

<sup>24</sup> Note: Please include the full list of Appendices herein.

## BACKGROUND

The Acceding Party has expressed its interest to accede to the Constitutive Agreement<sup>25</sup> regarding [●] that was signed on [●].<sup>26</sup>

The Constitutive Agreement allows new [Parties]<sup>27</sup> to accede the Data Space [provided that [●].<sup>28</sup>

## DEFINITIONS

As used in this Agreement, including the preamble and the Appendices hereof, unless expressly otherwise stated or evident in the context, the following terms and expressions have the following meanings, the singular (where appropriate) includes the plural and vice versa, and references to Appendices and Sections mean the Appendices and Sections of this Agreement:

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|--------------------------|--|
| “Acceding Party          | means the entity defined under section Acceding Party.                   |
| "Accession Agreement"    | means this Agreement.  |
| "Constitutive Agreement" | means the Constitutive Agreement regarding Data Space on [●], dated [●]. |
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<sup>25</sup> Note: If there are additional membership categories defined in the Constitutive Agreement, it should be specified here to which category the Acceding Party is joining. It may be a good idea to prepare a separate template for an Accession Agreement for each membership category to include the specific rights and duties of the members in that category.

<sup>26</sup> Note: Please insert a reference to the Data Space herein.

<sup>27</sup> Note: The Founding Members may consider it relevant to define role-specific preconditions for accession, and it may be necessary to detail herein the role(s) as which the Acceding Party joins the Data Space.

<sup>28</sup> Note: Please include, where applicable, a reference to the conditions for new Members of the Data Space herein.

## ACCESSION TO THE CONSTITUTIVE AGREEMENT

The Acceding Party has expressed its interest in acceding to the Constitutive Agreement, and the Constitutive Agreement allows new Parties to accede to the Data Space [, subject to [●]].<sup>29</sup>

As the Acceding Party fulfils such requirements, the Acceding Party accedes to the Constitutive Agreement and to the Data Space under this Accession Agreement.

## ENTRY INTO FORCE AND APPLICATION

This Accession Agreement will enter into force as of its execution by the Acceding Party and after it has been duly approved by the Data Space's Steering Committee.

## APPLICABLE LAWS AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The agreement incorporating these General Terms and Conditions is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws defined in the Constitutive Agreement.

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in relation to the agreements based on the General Terms and Conditions, or the breach, termination or validity thereof, shall be finally settled by the dispute resolution mechanism defined in the Constitutive Agreement.

## COUNTERPARTS

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<sup>29</sup> Note: Please include, where applicable and as defined in the Constitutive Agreement, the conditions for new Members of the Data Space herein.

This agreement has been executed in [●]<sup>30</sup> identical counterparts, one for [each Party/Acceding Party and one for the Steering Committee].

In \_\_\_\_\_, on \_\_\_\_\_

[Signatures on the next page]

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<sup>30</sup> Note: Please note that this information is subject to the accession process and its governance (e.g. whether the Steering Committee has the authority to approve new Members or whether the Accession Agreement should be signed by each incumbent Member).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title:

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Title:

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# Governance Model [Template]

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

The Data Space is established by the Constitutive Agreement, which is signed by the Members of the Data Space. This Appendix includes a description of the Governance Model of the Data Space.<sup>31</sup>

The purpose of the Governance Model is to define the procedures and mandates for managing the Data Space and any related changes during the life cycle of the Data Space.

The Constitutive Agreement must include, as **Appendix 3**, a List of Members that also sets out the Parties to the Constitutive Agreement and the contact details of their representatives. The List of Members must be updated upon the accession of new Parties and the termination of incumbent Parties as well as when any contact details are changed.<sup>32</sup>

## STEERING COMMITTEE

### General

The Steering Committee is the ultimate decision-making body of the Data Space. The purpose of the Steering Committee is to facilitate collaboration between the Parties and organise the

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<sup>31</sup> Note: there are two basic options to set up the governance model for a data space. It can either be a contractual arrangement without a separate legal entity, or a separate legal entity (e.g. limited liability company, association, foundation) can be used to govern the data space. The default here is a contractual arrangement set up by the Constitutive Agreement, defined in the Governance Model and supervised by a Steering Committee. However, if a separate legal entity is needed for instance to employ personnel, it would usually become a member of the data space and the Governance Model would then define the rules, how the legal entity operates.

<sup>32</sup> Note: If there are additional membership categories defined in the Constitutive Agreement, the Governance Model should specify how governance rights and duties differ for each category of membership. For example, if there is a “light membership” category, it may be defined in the Governance Model that each of the light members do not appoint a representative to serve on the Steering Committee, but they have one or a certain number of joint representatives. On the other hand, it may be required that certain decisions cannot be taken without the support of a qualified majority of the representatives of the light members.

administration of the Data Space appropriately on a strategic level. The Steering Committee also decides on matters that may have a significant financial or risk impact on the Parties.

### **Primary Functions**

The Steering Committee is established to ensure the coordination of and any decision making related to the Data Space's business or to its legal, technical or ethical matters. The Steering Committee is responsible for preparing any changes required to ensure that the Data Space continues to fulfil its purpose and meets the applicable requirements.

The Steering Committee is authorised to prepare any changes to the Constitutive Agreement or any of its Appendices and to approve any new Members to the Data Space in accordance with the accession criteria defined in the Constitutive Agreement. The Steering Committee is also authorised to approve new Datasets and/or Dataset Terms of Use, where (if any) such approval is required.

### **Composition, Meetings and Organisation**

Each Party appoints one representative to serve on the Steering Committee (hereinafter referred to as the "Representatives"). The Steering Committee will select a chairperson (hereinafter the "Chair") and a secretary (hereinafter the "Secretary"). The Secretary cannot simultaneously serve as a Representative. The Chair will lead the Steering Committee meetings or appoint a Representative to lead the meeting in the Chair's stead.

Each Representative 1) should strive to be present or represented at all meetings; 2) may appoint a substitute or a proxy to attend and vote at any meeting; and 3) must participate in the meetings in the spirit of cooperation.

The Chair must convene an ordinary meeting of the Steering Group at least once every [three (3) months]. The Chair must convene an extraordinary meeting at any time upon the written request of the Chair or any Representative. Before scheduling an extraordinary meeting, the Chair or the Representative that has requested the extraordinary meeting must send an email summarising the issue at hand and whether it is time sensitive.

The meetings can be held or attended as video or teleconference calls when the Chair considers it necessary. The Steering Committee must annually hold at least one face-to-face meeting.

The Secretary coordinates matters related to the duties of the Steering Committee. In particular, the Secretary is responsible for

- preparing Steering Committee meetings, proposing agenda items, preparing the agenda of the Steering Committee meetings, composing the minutes of the meetings and monitoring the implementation of the decisions made by the Steering Committee
- keeping the Constitutive Agreement and all of its Appendices updated and available
- collecting, reviewing to verify consistency, and submitting any necessary documents<sup>28</sup> and specific requests made in relation to the Steering Committee's duties
- coordinating and administering the day-to-day matters of the Steering Committee
- promptly transmitting documents and notifications related to the Data Space to any Party concerned
- providing, upon request, the Parties with official copies or the originals of documents that are in the sole possession of the Secretary when such copies or originals are necessary for the Parties to present claims.

The Secretary is not entitled to act or make legally binding declarations on behalf of any of the Parties or the Data Space, unless explicitly stated otherwise in the Constitutive Agreement or duly authorised by all Parties. The Secretary must not seek to expand its role beyond the tasks specified in this Appendix.

## Meeting Agenda

At each meeting, the topical issues affecting the Data Space will be reviewed using an agenda outline that is not limited to the following:

Introductory items such as:

- Introductions including any invited attendees
- Review agenda
- Minutes of the last meeting
- Review of any action points arising from previous meetings

Ongoing matters such as:

- Approval of changes to the Constitutive Agreement and its Appendices

- [Approval of new Members to the Data Space]<sup>29</sup>
- [Approval of new Datasets and/or Dataset Terms of Use]<sup>30</sup>
- Operational and technical status of the Data Space
- Any change requests concerning the Data Space
- Acceptance of change request deliverables and monitoring their timelines
- Outstanding issues, open action points, conflicts
- Consideration of other relevant items
- Review and summary of actions from the meeting
- Next meeting
- Closing

## Quorum and Decisions

A meeting constitutes a quorum when the Chair or his/her representative and at least [2/3] of the Representatives or their representatives are present. The Steering Committee strives to work on the basis of achieving a consensus. The Steering Committee will vote on decisions concerning the Data Space, if necessary. The Chair will have the casting vote.

In the event that the Committee is not able to achieve a consensus, a proposal that is supported by at least a majority of 2/3 OR 1/2 of the *Representatives present at the meeting* will be adopted as the Steering Committee's decision.

Any amendments to the Constitutive Agreement, [or to Appendix 2 – General Terms and Conditions or Appendix 4 Governance Model, as well as any changes to Appendix 1 – Description of the Data Space with material negative impact vis-à-vis any of the Members<sup>31</sup> must be agreed upon by a majority of 2/3 of *all Representatives*.

New Parties may join the Data Space by signing an Accession Agreement and their accession must be approved by [a Qualified Majority/a majority] of the Steering Committee. [These approving Parties must include all/a majority of 2/3/a majority of the Data Providers]<sup>32</sup>.

Where the decision of the Steering Committee to amend the Constitutive Agreement would materially affect the rights or obligations of a Party objecting to such amendment, the objecting Party will be entitled to terminate the Constitutive Agreement by notifying the Steering Committee thereof in writing within fourteen days after the objecting Party becomes aware of the Steering Committee's decision. This termination will become effective within thirty days as of date on which the notice was submitted by the objecting Party to the other Parties.

## **Subcommittees**

The Steering Committee may authorise a subcommittee and/or the chair of the relevant subcommittee to explore a specific issue. The Steering Committee will appoint the chairs of the subcommittees and their members in addition to defining their rules of procedure.

Subcommittee chair(s) will have the option of attending Steering Committee meetings when the Chair considers it necessary. The chair of the relevant subcommittee is responsible for disclosing all pertinent information the chair has learned at Steering Committee meetings they have attended to the members of their subcommittee.

All subcommittees must operate under a full consensus. Where a consensus cannot be reached among the members of the subcommittee, the subcommittee chair must escalate the issue to the Steering Committee for final resolution. Once the Steering Committee has been notified of the issue, it will be added to the agenda of the upcoming Steering Committee meeting or to the agenda of a newly scheduled extraordinary meeting (depending on whether the issue is time sensitive). Once the Steering Committee has made its final decision, it will be considered actionable. The Chair will inform the subcommittee chair of the Steering Committee's final decision.

## **Invited Attendees**

The Steering Committee Representatives may invite necessary and appropriate persons to attend any Steering Committee meeting, and such persons will be considered to have been 'in attendance'. The Chair is entitled to decide whether the attendance of the relevant invitee is necessary and appropriate. In the event that an invitee is not from a Data Space Member's organisation, such an invitee must sign a non-disclosure agreement, unless waived by the Chair. It is the responsibility of the Chair to ensure that the invitee can be proven to be bound by a confidentiality obligation prior to him/her joining the meeting.

## **Conflicts**

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or relating to the Data Space, or the breach, termination or validity of the Constitutive Agreement must first be escalated to the Steering

Committee. The Parties must strive to resolve any such conflict in good faith at the Steering Committee.

# Dataset Terms of Use [Template]

## Data Provider

\_\_\_\_\_ acts as the Data Provider.

## Schedules

| Schedule | Description                               |
|----------|---|
| 1        | Dataset Description [no. 1] <sup>33</sup> |
| 2        |   |

## Background

The purpose of this Dataset Terms of Use is to define, the Data that the Data Provider makes available through the Data Space and to set out the terms and conditions for the use of such Data.

## Definitions

As used in this Dataset Terms of Use, including the Schedules hereof, unless expressly otherwise stated or evident in the context, the following terms and expressions have the following meanings, the singular (where appropriate) includes the plural and vice versa, and references to Schedules and Sections mean the Schedules and Sections of this Dataset Terms of Use:

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| ”Data Provider” | means the entity defined under section “Data Provider” above. |
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<sup>33</sup> Note: Where the Data Provider provides several Datasets under the Dataset Terms of Use, the Data Provider may prefer to include individual Dataset Descriptions as separate Schedules herein. It should be noted that, where the terms and conditions for different Datasets are different, the Data Provider must define separate Dataset Terms of Use for any such Datasets.

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| "User" | means any Data User, Service Provider, Operator or Third Party Data User who processes any Data that is made available by the Data Provider under these Dataset Terms of Use. |
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Other terms and expressions have the meanings defined in the General Terms and Conditions.

## Applicability and Scope

These Dataset Terms of Use apply to the Dataset(s) provided by the Data Provider under the Constitutive Agreement [dated [●] [●] 202[●] / as acceded by the Data Provider under the Accession Agreement dated [●] [●] 202[●]]<sup>35</sup> and as further defined in **Schedule 1**.

By using any such Data, the User undertakes to use the Data in compliance with these Dataset Terms of Use.

In the event that a discrepancy arises between the Constitutive Agreement or any of its appendices and these Dataset Terms of Use, these Dataset Terms of Use and its Schedules will prevail. Furthermore, in the event that a discrepancy arises between these Dataset Terms of Use and any of its Schedules, these Dataset Terms of Use will prevail.

## Data

The Data as well as its location and method of distribution are defined in the Dataset Description(s) (**Schedule 1[- ●]**<sup>36</sup>).

The Data Provider shall ensure that it possess all the necessary rights and authorisations to make the Data available for the use of the other Parties in accordance with the applicable terms and conditions.

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<sup>34</sup> Note: Please list herein, where applicable, any definitions introduced in these Dataset Terms of Use.

<sup>35</sup> Note: Please edit based on the date on which the Data Provider has become a party to the Constitutive Agreement.

<sup>36</sup> Note: Where applicable, please add references to additional Schedules.



## Purpose(s) of use of the Data

Subject to these Data Set Terms of Use, the Data Provider hereby grants the User a non-exclusive right to use the Data for the following purposes:<sup>37</sup>

The User is entitled to utilise software robots or other forms and applications of robotic process automation or machine learning or artificial intelligence when processing Data. In accordance with the aforementioned, the User has the right to learn from the Data and to use any professional skills and experience acquired when processing the Data.

## Restrictions on the processing and Redistribution of Data

The Data may not be processed for [●].<sup>38</sup>

## Permissioning

The Data Provider ensures that an adequate permissioning mechanism is in place to make sure that the Right Holders have control over their data to the extent applicable laws require, and the Data Users are able to get the permissions they need.<sup>39</sup>

## Cease of provision of the Data

The Data Provider may cease the provision of the Data by notifying the other Parties of the Data Space at least [thirty (30) days] prior to the end of provision of. the concerned Data.

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<sup>37</sup> Note: The following provides an example of the matters to be included in this clause with regard to the right to use the Data. The Data Provider and/or the Members of the Data Space may want to consider preparing a more specific Data Space specific template(s) for the Dataset Terms of Use to reflect the business context of the Data Space.

Please note that, in accordance with the General Terms and Conditions (clause 4), Data can be redistributed to Third Party End Users if permitted under the applicable Dataset Terms of Use. As such, please specify the redistribution right here as required. The Members or the Data Provider may also want to prepare a separate Schedule, including any terms and conditions that must be included in any redistribution agreements. Please complete the list of purposes for using the Data.

<sup>38</sup> Note: Please describe herein any specific restrictions that apply to the Dataset(s).

<sup>39</sup> Note: If needed, a more extensive description of the permissioning mechanism and the distribution of respective liabilities e.g. between the Data Provider and an Operator can be included here.

## Derived Material

The following shall not be considered as Derived Material and the rules relating to the use of Data continue to apply in case:

[(i) the Data can be readily converted, reverted or implied from the Derived Material to recreate the Data;

(ii) the Derived Material can be used as a substitute for the Data;

individual Data Providers of the Data can be identified from the Derived Material;

the Derived Material contains any Data Provider's Confidential Information; or

(v) ...]

[For the avoidance of doubt, in case a Dataset is modified only in minor ways and used for substituting the original Dataset, it shall not be regarded as Derived Material and remains under the restrictions set out above for the Data.]

[Derived Material shall be shared and used under Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>) license terms.]

## [Restrictions on the use and redistribution of Derived Material]

Derived Material may not be used for [●]

## Fees and payment terms

The use of Data is subject to fees and charges, as further defined in **Schedule 1**.<sup>40</sup>

## Reporting

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<sup>40</sup> Note: Where applicable, any fees or charges related to the Data should be defined and referred to herein as the default option under clause 6.1 of the General Terms and Conditions is that the Data is provided free of charge.

The use of Data is subject to the following specific reporting obligations: [●].<sup>41</sup>

## **Audit**

The use of Data is subject to the following specific audit obligations: [●].<sup>42</sup>

## **Data Security**

The use of Data is subject to the following specific data security obligation: [●].<sup>43</sup>

## **Confidential information**

The Parties acknowledge that the Dataset, as defined in **Schedule [1]**, includes Confidential Information and that its use and processing is subject to: [●].<sup>44</sup>

## **Data protection**

The Data includes personal data, and its reception and processing is subject to the following: [●].<sup>45</sup>

## **Intellectual Property Rights**

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<sup>41</sup> Note: Please describe herein, where applicable, any specific reporting obligations that apply to the use of the Dataset(s).

<sup>42</sup> Note: Please describe herein, where applicable, any specific conditions for audits (see clause 13 of the General Terms and Conditions and the Constitutive Agreement).

<sup>43</sup> Note: Please describe herein, where applicable, any specific data security requirements for the Dataset(s) (see clause 5 of the General Terms and Conditions and the Constitutive Agreement).

<sup>44</sup> Note: Where the Dataset(s) include Confidential Information, the Data Provider should detail herein any specific requirements it deems necessary in order to make the Data available within the Data Space.

<sup>45</sup> Note: Clause 9 of the General Terms and Conditions defines the default terms and conditions that apply to data protection. In the event that the Data includes personal data (as data typically does, since the definition of personal data in the GDPR is very broad), the Data Provider must consider defining herein the terms and conditions for the transfer and processing of personal data in further detail. In addition, further consideration is required where the Data includes personal data (or anonymised personal data), which would be redistributed to Third Party End Users.

[The Dataset is shared and shall be used in accordance with Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International (<https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/>) license terms.]<sup>46</sup>

## Disclaimer and Limitation of Liability

[**Example:** Unless otherwise expressed in these Terms, the Data Provider offers the data "as is" and "as available" with no warranty of any kind. The risk inherent in the suitability of the data for the User's purposes remains solely with the User. Notwithstanding the above, this does not limit the Data Provider's liability under clauses 3.3 and 11.3 of the General Terms and Conditions, Permissioning clause above in this Dataset Terms of Use [and clause(s) of the Constitutive Agreement]].<sup>47</sup>

## Effects of Termination

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## Entry into force and application

This right to use the Data will enter into force when the User accesses the Data and apply until the User stops processing the Data.

## Refraining from sharing Data and amendments

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<sup>46</sup> Note: Where the Data Provider considers it necessary to derogate from the default approach for Intellectual Property Rights (clause 8 of the General Terms and Conditions), Dataset specific derogations should be described herein. However, to manage the Intellectual Property Rights effectively, the Members should consider whether it would be feasible to define the default approach to Intellectual Property Rights for the Data Space by establishing a standard template for Dataset Terms of Use that apply to the specific Data Space.

<sup>47</sup> Note: Clause 11 of the General Terms and Conditions sets out provisions that apply to the limitation of liability. Any Dataset specific derogations regarding liability should be defined herein. Please note, where applicable, that the Members may have derogated from the liability clauses of the General Terms and Conditions, in which case such liability clauses should be referred to herein for clarity.

<sup>48</sup> Note: Clause 10.2 of the General Terms and Conditions stipulate that the Parties are entitled to continue to use any Data received through the Data Space prior to the termination of the Constitutive Agreement, unless otherwise determined in the applicable Dataset Terms of Use or agreed by the Parties in the Constitutive Agreement. Please add here more specific rules if needed.

The Data Provider may refrain from sharing Data within the Data Space and change these terms and conditions (including but not limited to the content or quality of the Dataset) at any time by notifying all other Members to the Data Space of such change in writing. The provision of Data will end or the modified terms will enter into force within ninety (90) days after the Data Provider has notified the other Members of the refraining of sharing or amendments made to these terms and conditions, but the amendments will not apply to any Data received by the Users prior to the entry into force of the amendments.

## Other terms

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For the avoidance of doubt, it is acknowledged that above terms and conditions shall in no way restrict the rights of the users that are based on applicable mandatory law. In case of any discrepancy between such mandatory law and these terms and conditions, the mandatory law shall prevail.

## Applicable laws and dispute resolution<sup>50</sup>

The agreement incorporating these General Terms and Conditions is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws defined in the Constitutive Agreement.

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising out of or in relation to the agreements based on the General Terms and Conditions, or the breach, termination or validity thereof, shall be finally settled by the dispute resolution mechanism defined in the Constitutive Agreement.

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<sup>49</sup> Note: The Data Provider (and the Members of the Data Space) should consider, on a case-by-case basis, whether any other terms regarding the use of Data are considered necessary.

<sup>50</sup> Note: Please note that this clause is potentially relevant only where the Data can be redistributed to Third Party End Users as one of the conditions, which should be included in the agreement governing the redistribution of the Data to Third Party End Users. Please consider if it is enough here to refer to the Constitutive Agreement or should the applicable law and dispute resolution be defined more precisely.