DATASPHERE
INITIATIVE

Institutional brochure 2023

Datasphere Initiative

Responsibly unlocking
the value of data for all.

The 21st century is the century of data

Now is the time to be bold and innovative in enabling the opportunities and addressing the challenges of the technological revolution around us.

Data is growing at an **accelerated pace** and increasingly underpins, affects, and reflects most human activities. However, **legitimate concerns** have emerged regarding security threats, economic imbalances, and human rights abuses that can impact a society increasingly dependent upon data.

> **The Datasphere can be defined as the complex system encompassing all types of data and their dynamic interactions with human groups and norms**

Approaching the ecosystem in which all digital data exists as the Datasphere provides the fundamental perspective shift needed to govern data **for the well-being of all.**

> **The Datasphere Initiative is a global network of stakeholders fostering a holistic and innovative approach to data governance.**

VISION

A **collaboratively governed** Datasphere.

MISSION

Build agile frameworks to responsibly **unlock the value of data for all.**

OBJECTIVES

• Bring a **new, holistic and positive approach** to the governance of the Datasphere.

• Provide a platform to unlock social and economic **value of data** access and use.

• Improve coordination and accelerate the adoption of concrete proposals to overcome the current tensions and polarization around data.

• Produce **evidence-based analysis** on data policy issues.

• Catalyze **human-centric** technical, policy, and institutional innovations.

VALUES

OPENNESS

We believe in the capacity of everyone to contribute and we provide a safe space for an inclusive and systemic debate on the interconnected issues our global civilization faces.

COLLABORATION

We believe solutions are better designed and actioned upon when all impacted stakeholders are involved and collaborate in developing them.

EMPOWERMENT

We strive to advance autonomy and self-determination for individuals and groups by sharing the information and tools needed to enable well-informed decisions for all.

BOLDNESS

We dare to creatively challenge conventional wisdom, including our own, promoting experimentation at every level, from moonshot ambitions right down to organizing our daily work.

PURPOSEFULNESS

Our debates, analysis and proposed solutions address concrete challenges and opportunities, both current and emergent.

PERSISTENCE

We understand that real progress in addressing long-term challenges takes time and sustained iterative efforts.

Three programs promoting a new level of transnational cooperation and mission-oriented partnerships

DIALOGUE

The Dialogue Program is dedicated to increasing awareness, capacity building, and identifying real-world challenges that can be addressed by data and innovative data governance frameworks.

Datasphere Dialogues

Datasphere Academy

Datasphere Challenges

Datasphere Summit

INTELLIGENCE

The Intelligence Program will gather insights and evidence on concrete challenges, identify innovative practices, and translate complex technical data issues into actionable outcomes.

Framing the Datasphere

Datasphere Observatory

Mapping the Datasphere

Sectorial deep-dives

Datasphere Reviews

Datasphere Toolkit(s)

LAB

The Lab Program will create a collective space to showcase and experiment with innovations in governance frameworks and technical solutions advancing the vision of a Datasphere for all.

Datasphere Sandboxes

Framework Convention for the Datasphere

Protocol(s) for the Datasphere

Datasphere Hackathons

A global team spanning geographies and diverse experiences

Lorrayne Porciuncula
Executive Director

Lorrayne is an internationalist and economist, with over 10 years of experience in digital and telecommunications policy. She has worked in international organizations (OECD, ITU), managing projects, partnerships and teams.

Martin Hullin
Deputy Executive Director

Martin is a multistakeholder governance expert with an entrepreneurial background, specialized in building public-private partnerships in the digital and climate sector.

Bertrand de La Chapelle
Chief Vision Officer

Bertrand has been a pioneering implementer of multi- stakeholder governance processes for more than 15 years, building upon his diversified experience as a career diplomat, civil society actor, and tech entrepreneur.

Carolina Rossini
Director of Partnerships and Research

Carolina has more than 20 years of experience in technology law and policy. She is a lecturer at Boston University and has previously worked at Telefónica, Facebook, and various non-profits.

Sophie Tomlinson
Director of Communications

Natalia Loungou
Events and Communications Coordinator

TIMELINE

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COMMITMENTS

First meeting of the Network of the Datasphere Initiative, additional partnerships established, recruitment of supporting staff, and fundraising for 2022-23.

2

APRIL 2022
VALIDATION

Public launch and formalization of the Datasphere Initiative as a new independent organization, expansion of the Network of engaged stakeholders, development of activities, and iterative evaluation according to predefined goals and metrics.

3

DECEMBER 2022
SCALING

Firmly establish the Datasphere Initiative as the trusted source of intelligence and innovative solutions for the Datasphere, develop processes and protocols, and expand the partners and stakeholders network.

4

APRIL 2022
LAUNCH

The Datasphere Initiative was publicly launched on April 5, 2022 on the occasion of a G7 Multistakeholder Meeting under the Presidency of the Federal Republic of Germany.

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SEPTEMBER 2022
INCORPORATION

In September 22, 2022 the Datasphere Initiative was founded as a not-for-profit foundation in Switzerland appointing a Board of Trustees.

An opportunity to join forces and unlock the value of data for all

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