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.
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.

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

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.

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.

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

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

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
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|**DECEMBER 2021**  
**COMMITMENTS**|
|First meeting of the Network of the Datasphere Initiative, additional partnerships established, recruitment of supporting staff, and fundraising for 2022-23.|

|**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.|

|**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.|

|**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.|

|**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.|

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