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LAUNCH OF SCHENGEN-X AND DATA SUMMIT LUXEMBOURG

Luxembourg, 29 November 2023 – The maiden edition of Schengen-X co-organised by five Gaia-X hubs from 4 to 5 December 2023 at the European Convention Centre will coincide with the inauguration of the Luxembourg National Data Service (LNDS) and its first-ever Data Summit Luxembourg.

Two prominent entities in the European dataspaces landscape are uniting to inaugurate two distinct events: Schengen-X and the Data Summit Luxembourg. These groundbreaking initiatives aim to engage stakeholders from all sectors in Luxembourg and beyond with an interest in the realm of data as a driver of transformative change.

The combined programme with parallel sessions will commence with the official launch of the Luxembourg National Data Service (LNDS),an economic interest group created by the Luxembourg Government, to enable value creation from secondary use of data, for public and private partners and supports the sharing and re-use of public sector data, in a trustable manner.

Schengen-X is a regional event initiated and co-organised by the five Gaia-X hubs that correspond with the Schengen Agreement's founding members: Belgium, France, Germany, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. It aims to explore the Gaia-X framework and its application in various cross-border use cases. At the same time, it seeks to demonstrate key actions taken by various European stakeholders to create common data spaces in different verticals, including finance, health, mobility, agriculture and more.

"Gaia-X is dedicated to building a secure and federated European data ecosystem that fosters information sharing, while users retain ultimate control over data access and usage. This first Schengen-X event in Luxembourg not only reflects the collaborative spirit of the Schengen Agreement but aims to reproduce that same international cooperation on Europe's path to a federated cloud infrastructure. We will examine ongoing projects in Gaia-X bearing in mind the huge potential to exchange knowledge and collaborate," explains Ralf Hustadt, National Hub Coordinator at Gaia-X Luxembourg, which is managed by Luxinnovation.

More than 30 speakers from the various hubs will participate in panels, presentations, and fireside chats to discuss the implementation of Gaia-X projects, key achievements and lessons learned, as well as challenges and opportunities associated with having a federated architecture in various fields. The event will also put a spotlight on Gaia-X standards, next steps and project demonstrations.

The combined programme for all three events is available here.

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