### OTWeek

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# Innovating in the era of Trustworthy AI

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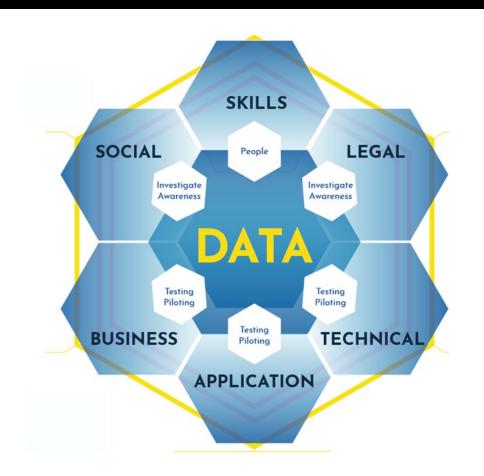
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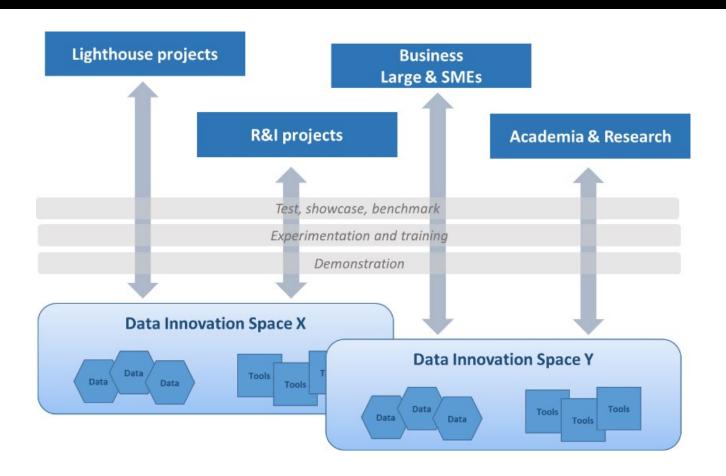




### **BDVA i-Spaces**







Experimentation environments to allow small actors (SMEs, start-ups, ...) to have their data driven solutions quickly tested, piloted and exploited before going to the market



### **BDVA i-Spaces**







### EUHubs4Data project



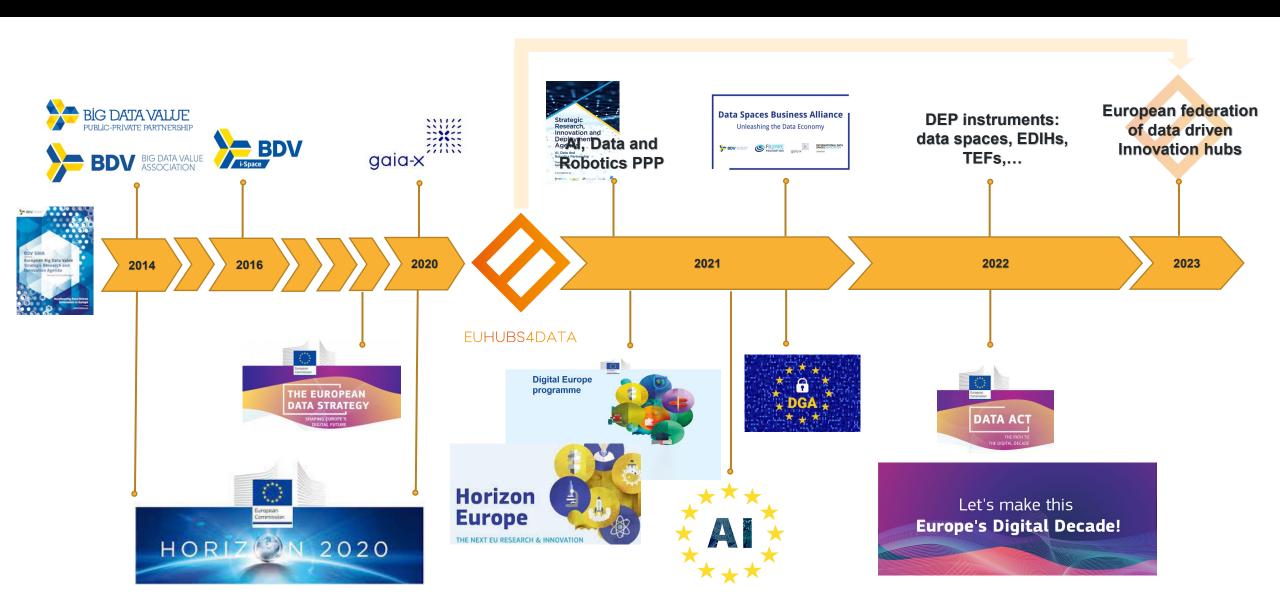
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### EUHubs4Data project

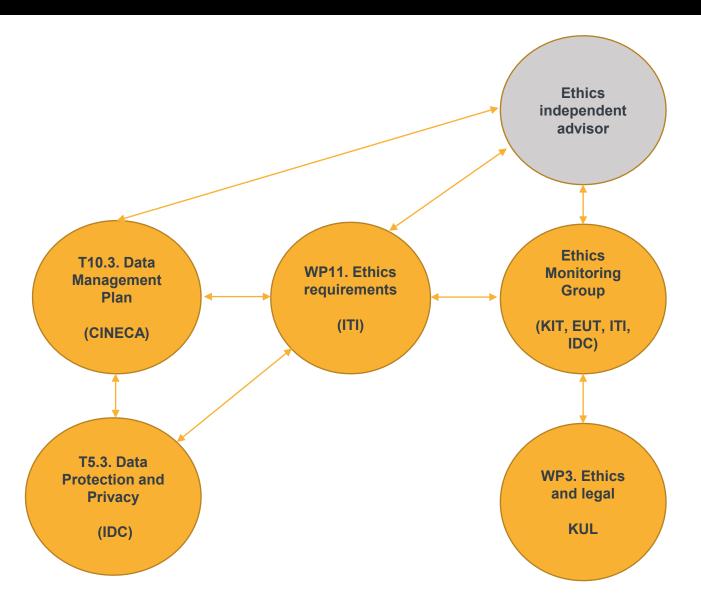






### **EUH4D Ethics framework**





- Ethics monitoring group created
- External Ethics Advisor selected and hired
- Defined process to assess applications and selected experiments
- Monitoring of experiments
- Assessment of critical ethical issues arising during the project



### **EUH4D** experiments



- Data management of sensitive personal data
- Processing of potentially sensitive personal data
- Specification of the Datasets used
- Missing data set description
- Unclear GDPR applicability
- Contractual basis for processing of public personal data
- Sensitivity of potentially used data sets
- Ineffective/unclear anonymization
- Consensual processing of personal data

- Ethical and Legal expertise in the medical domain
- Dual Use or potential danger of abuse of the results
- Potential use of AI in medical applications
- Potential ethical concerns related to the environment
- Project timeline and potential checkpoints
- Discrimination based on sociodemographic data
- Responsibility and safety
- Application of the GDPR to historic data sets
- Opacity in automated decision making

Ethics a major concern in data driven innovation ... appropriate measures to be taken (with the help of the DIHs)

... probably all mostly uncritical and/or handled , but we wouldn't have known without the experiments

The biggest risk we see is unawareness and lack of experience of most SMEs



### **High-risk AI systems**



- Biometric identification system (without agreement\*\*)
- Critical infrastructure
  - road traffic, water, gas, heating and electricity
  - digital infrastructure\*\*
  - emission/polution control\*\*
- Education and vocational training
  - Admission
  - Assessment & Steering\*\*
- Employment
  - Recruitment&Selection
  - Performance evaluation

- Access to public & private services
  - Benefits
  - Creditworthyness
  - Emergency Response
  - Insurance Premiums/Claims
- Law enforcement
  - Offender / victim /crime prediction & profiling
  - "lie detectors"
  - detect deep fakes
  - Reliability of evidence estimation
  - Big data forensics\*\*
- Imigration
  - Profiling
  - Document forensics
  - Eligability checks
- Judical authorities
  - Interpreting the law

Guess how many EUH4D experiments in the first round would fall into one of these categories ...



### High-risk AI systems



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### Data and data governance



- High-risk Al systems developed on the basis of training, validation and testing data sets that meet the quality criteria
- Training, validation and testing data sets shall be relevant, representative, free of errors and complete
- Appropriate statistical properties, including, where applicable, as regards the persons or groups of persons on which the high-risk Al system is intended to be used

## i-Spaces might be the only way to achieve this ...



### EUH4D catalogue



- Advanced Machine Learning Model Validation and Testing
- Design and development of Al models, their training and validation
- MLOps Infrastructure

- Assessment on data governance
- Assessment on ethical aspects of Al
- Al Consulting
- Al Training & Consulting for data-driven strategy
- Consultancy for Architecture Specification

- → Continous testing at the core of risk management
- → Appropriateness of measures & best practices...



### **EUH4D ethics innovation**



## We really want to see ethics as an innovation opportunity!

- Outcome of the project: ethics handbook for practicioners
- Ethics as a service -> ethics innovation
- Service catalogue including more specific services
- EUH4D / i-Spaces as a unique testing environment where to asses Al risk, check data governance, ... -> regulatory sandboxes



### ITI specific offer



Learning from the collaboration with other initiatives, addressing needs of regional companies, adapting EUH4D offer to regional specificities. Already in place:

- Training services in ethical and regulatory aspects around health applications
- Ethics assessment
- Support to the development of unbiassed AI applications
- Customizable technological infrastructure for the development of AI experiments



### Conclusions



- Early to know if AI regulation will boost innovation ... SMEs are barely aware of this ...
- But definitively includes additional steps in the development, testing and experimentation phases
- Regulatory sandboxes concept fits perfectly with i-Spaces
- i-Spaces are not only useful, in some cases the most appropriate
- EUH4D, i-Spaces group and individual i-Spaces are already working on that ...

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### Thank you!

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