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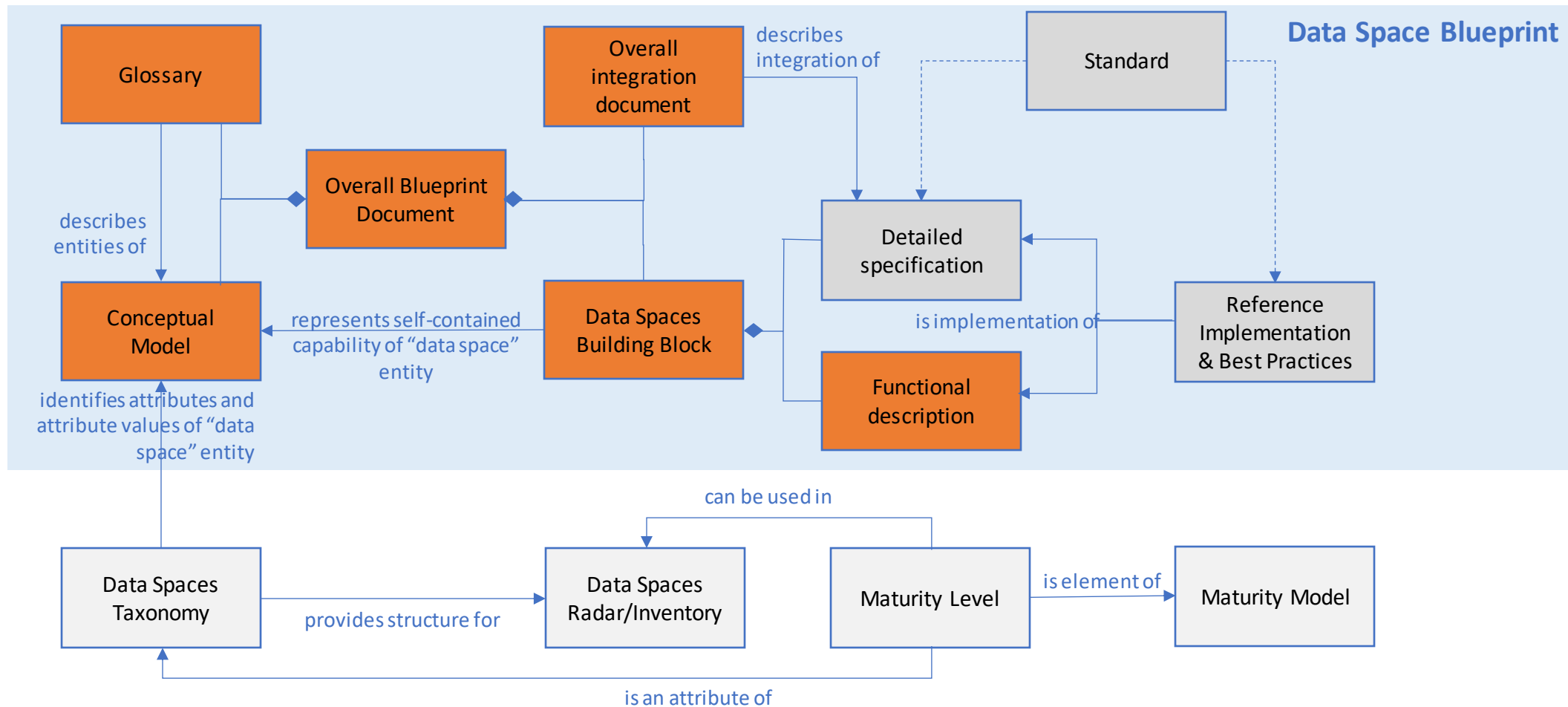
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Introduction

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Blueprint Benefits

- Shorter Time-to-Value
- Reduced Project Risks
- Common Language



Blueprint for Data Spaces

Get to a higher flight level



- Enable data space initiatives to focus on their business & societal objectives
- Build on common standards which are applicable for all data spaces
- Provide options/templates to choose from

Create a bigger market



- Provide technology providers with a bigger market
- Economies of scale through standardisation
- Network effects & additional value

Enable collaboration



- Enable data space initiatives to work together
- Enable organisations to easily join multiple data spaces
- Maintain data sovereignty

How did we do this?

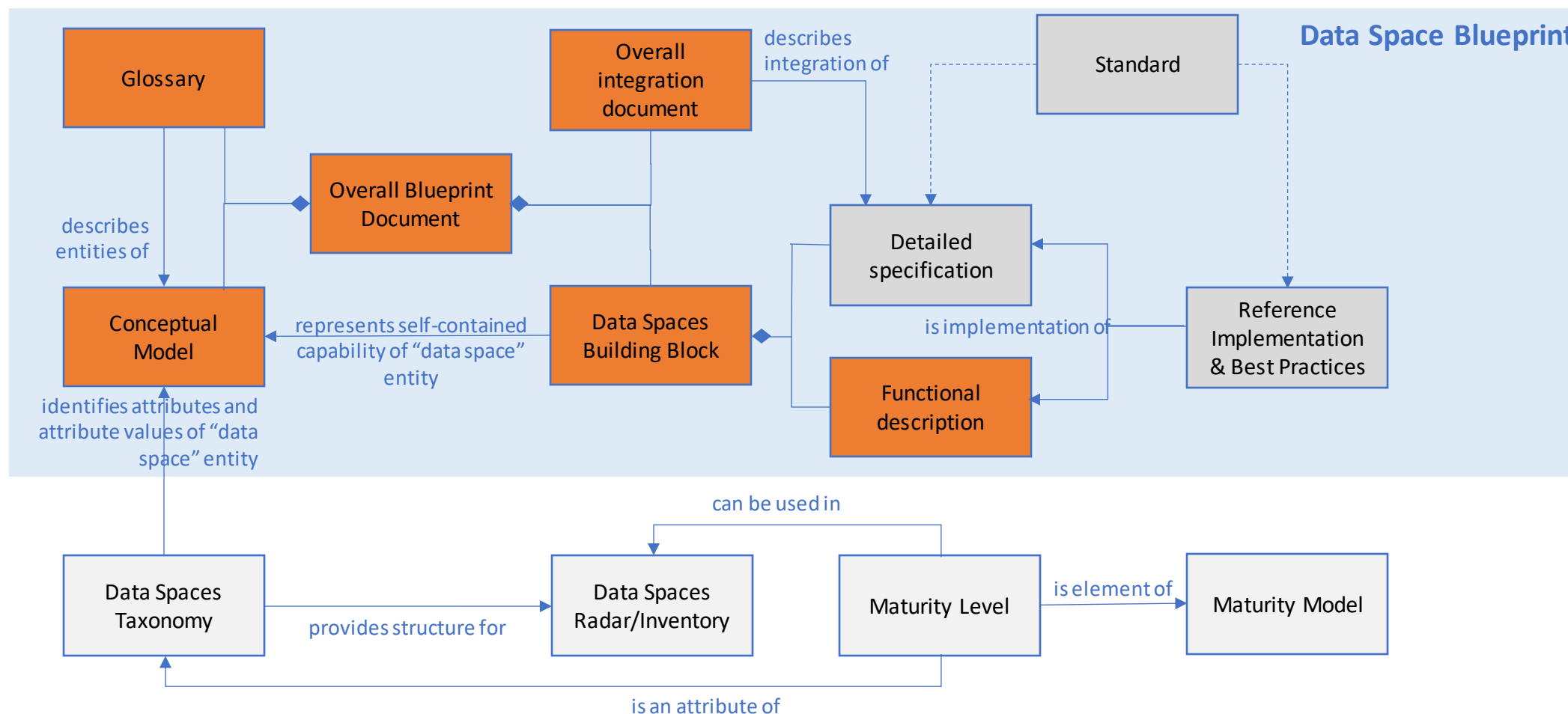
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- Expert groups, thematic groups
- Bring together needs, available solutions & best practices
- Build on existing materials (e.g. OpenDEI)

How will we move forward?



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- Build on existing materials (e.g. OpenDEI)
- **Identify further needs, gaps and solutions in a dialogue with you**
- **Working from 0.5 (today) → 1.0 (March 2024)**

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Glossary & Conceptual Model

Glossary – Core Concepts

Glossary

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- 4. Evolution of data space initiatives
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- 6. Data products and services
- 7. Interoperability
- 8. Data policies and contracts
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2. Core Concepts

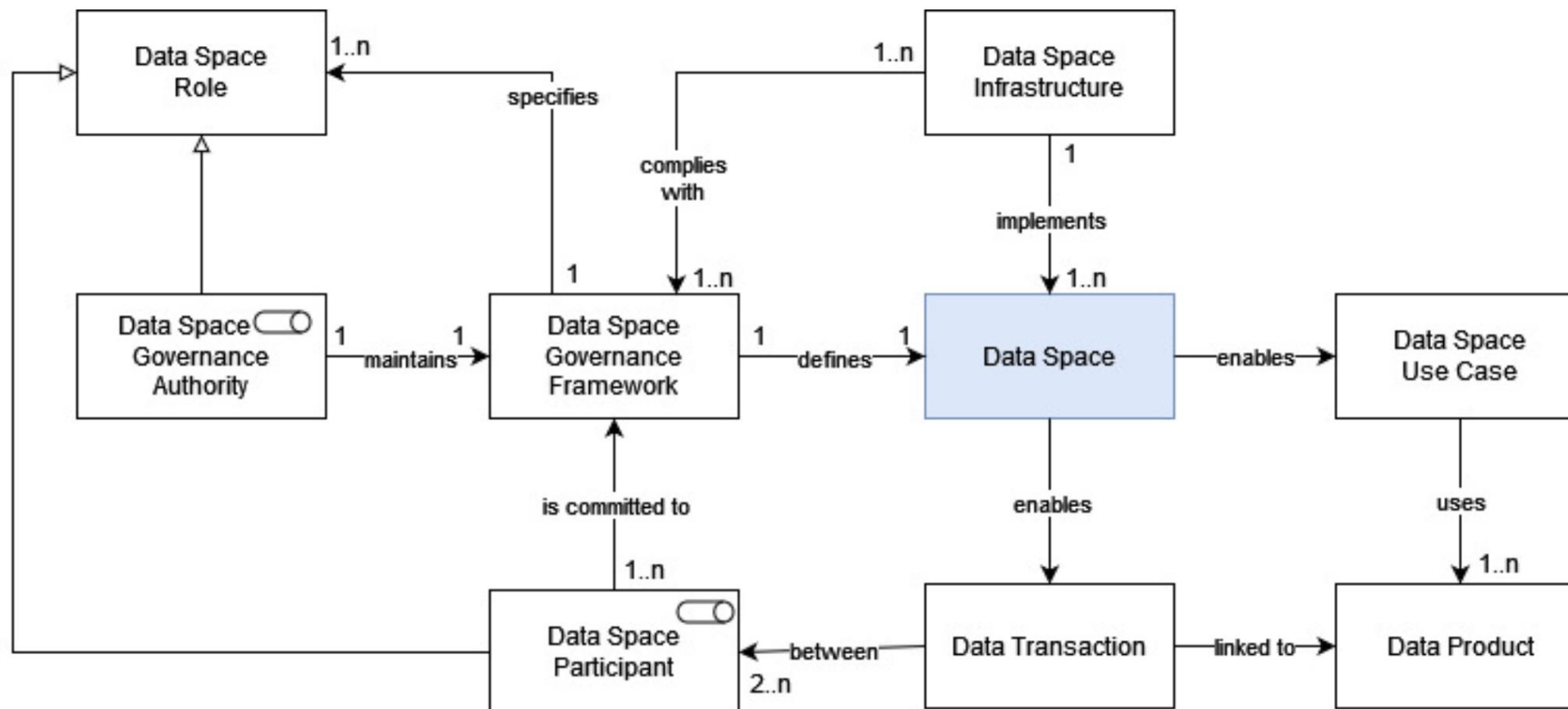
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This section contains the most essential terms to express what data spaces are, and it offers a starting point for defining the governance frameworks for data space initiatives. A common understanding of these core concepts is critical for the convergence and interoperability of different data space architectures and -initiatives. The list of core concepts is intentionally limited to the minimum. The relationships between the concepts are displayed in the DSSCs conceptual model of data spaces.

The parties engaged in **data sharing** need reassurance that their data is used in ways they can accept and that the data they need from others will have the promised qualities. To practically enable such trustworthy **data transactions**, groups of **parties** may organise themselves **as a data space initiative** (see section 4. [Evolution of data space initiatives](#)) and start deploying and maintaining a **data space**. A data space is defined by a **data space governance framework** and implemented by one or more interlinked **data space infrastructures**. The **data space governance authority** creates and maintains the **governance framework** that all **data space participants** must commit to. The data space creates value for its participants (and for the economy, society and environment) through **data space use cases** by enabling easy, secure and trustworthy data transactions.

Term	Description
Data space	A distributed system defined by a governance framework that enables 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 .
Data space participant	A party that has committed to the governance framework of a particular data space and may have one or more roles in it.
Data space role	A distinct and logically consistent set of responsibilities within a data space , that encompass associated rights and duties required to perform specific tasks, and that are designed to be fulfilled by one or more participants .

Conceptual Model 1 – Base Level



Conceptual Model 2 - Outlook

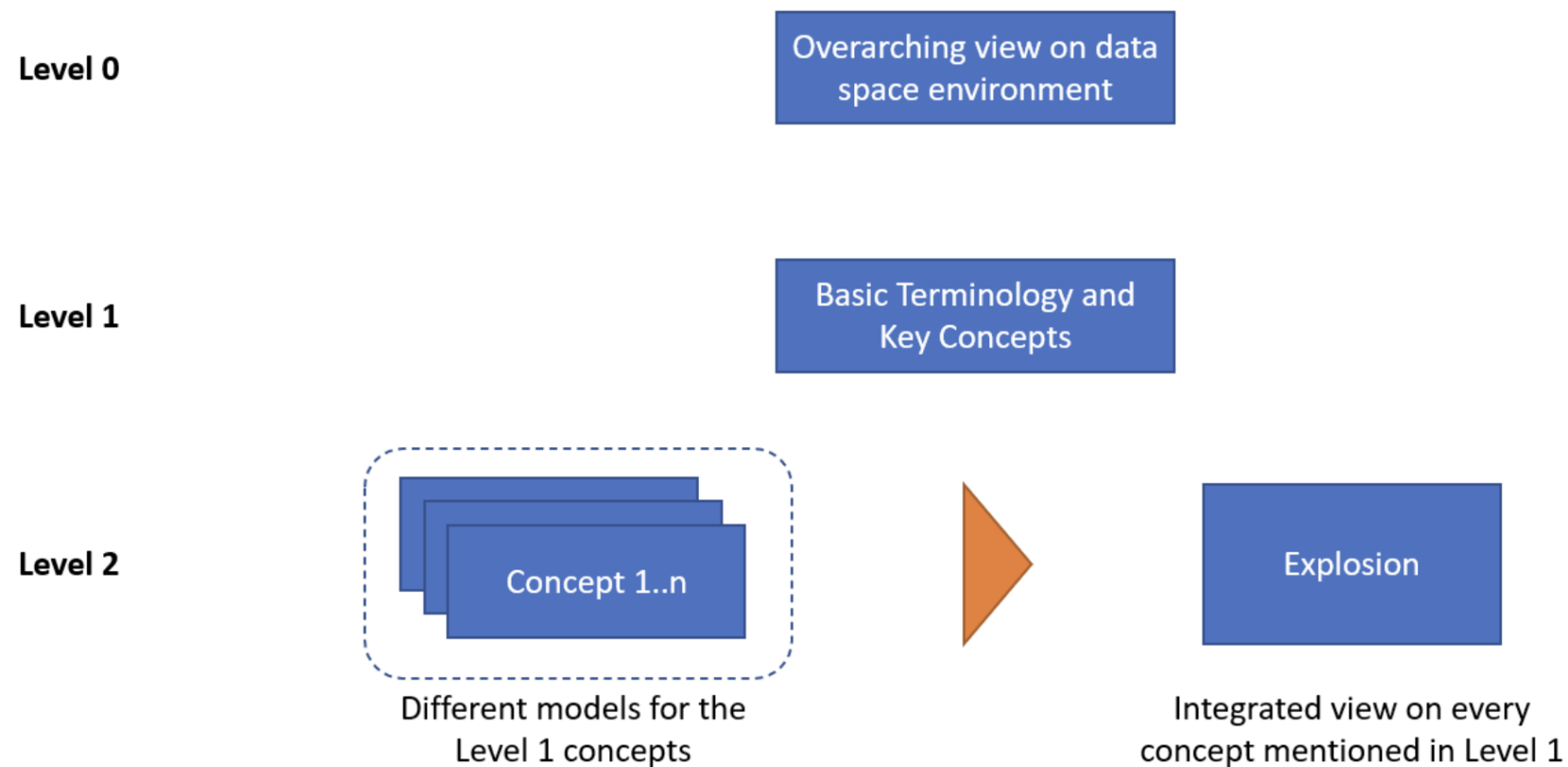
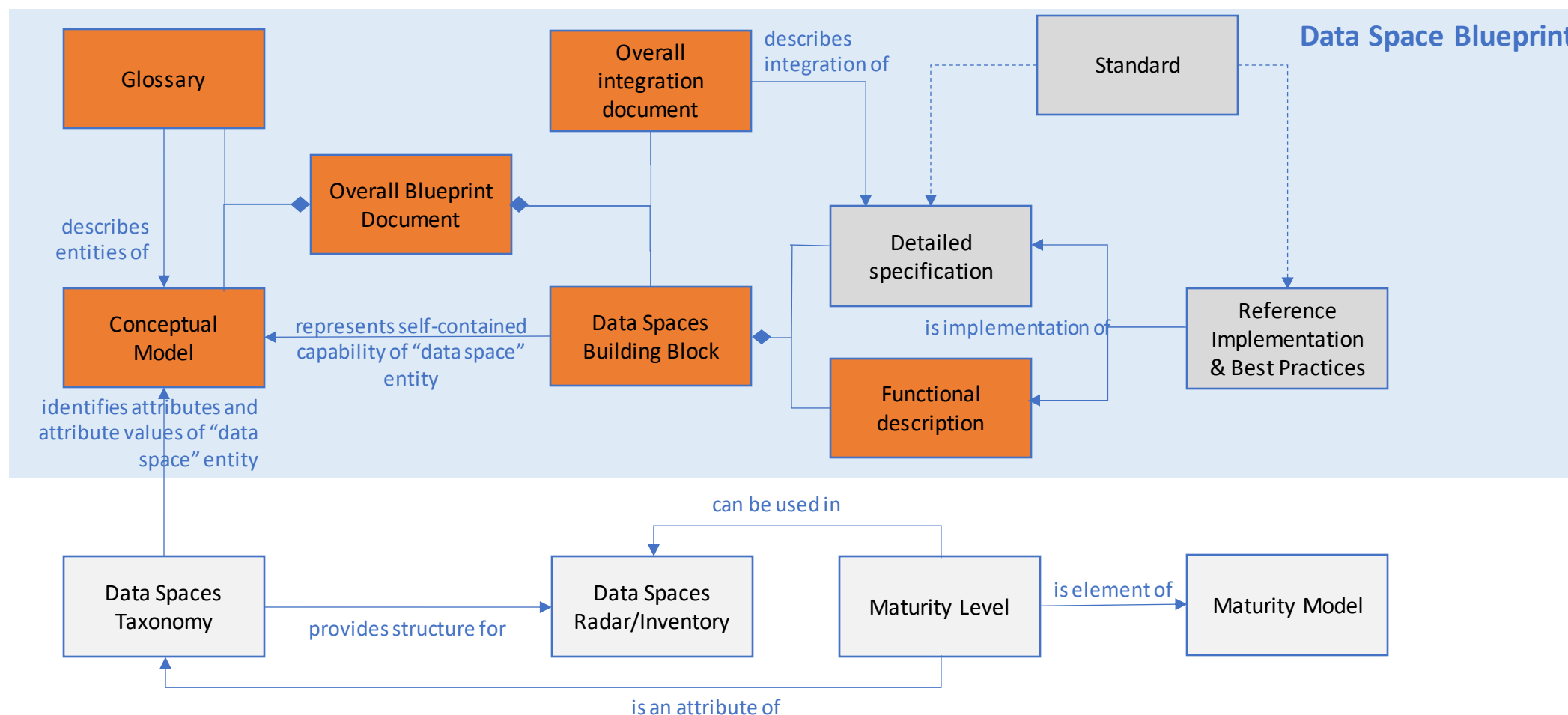


Figure A.5 Structure of the conceptual model of data spaces.

Data Spaces Building Blocks



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Building Blocks for Data Spaces

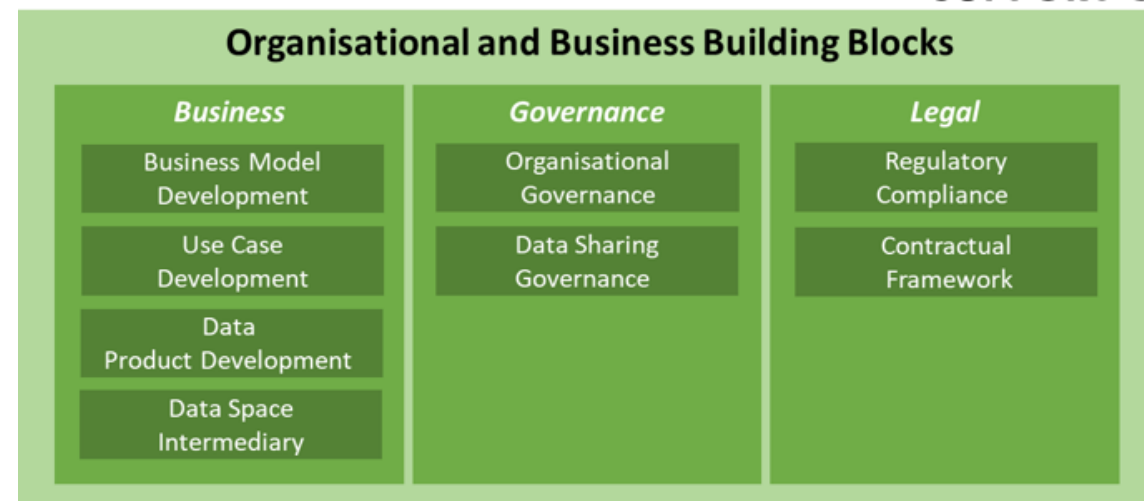


- **“A basic unit or component that can be implemented or a capability that can be deployed and combined with other building blocks to achieve the functionality of a data space”**
- Key capabilities needed in data spaces
- Not (just) a software-component that you can download and install!
- Two categories of building blocks:
 - (1) business, governance and legal
 - (2) technical

Building Blocks (BBs)

Organisational & business building blocks

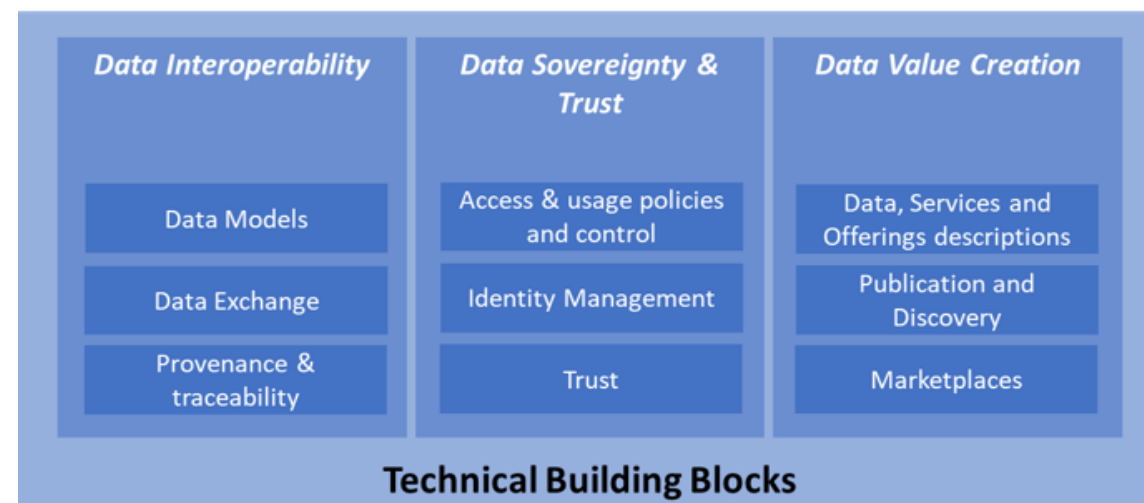
Describe capabilities on a business, governance and legal level.



Technical Building Blocks

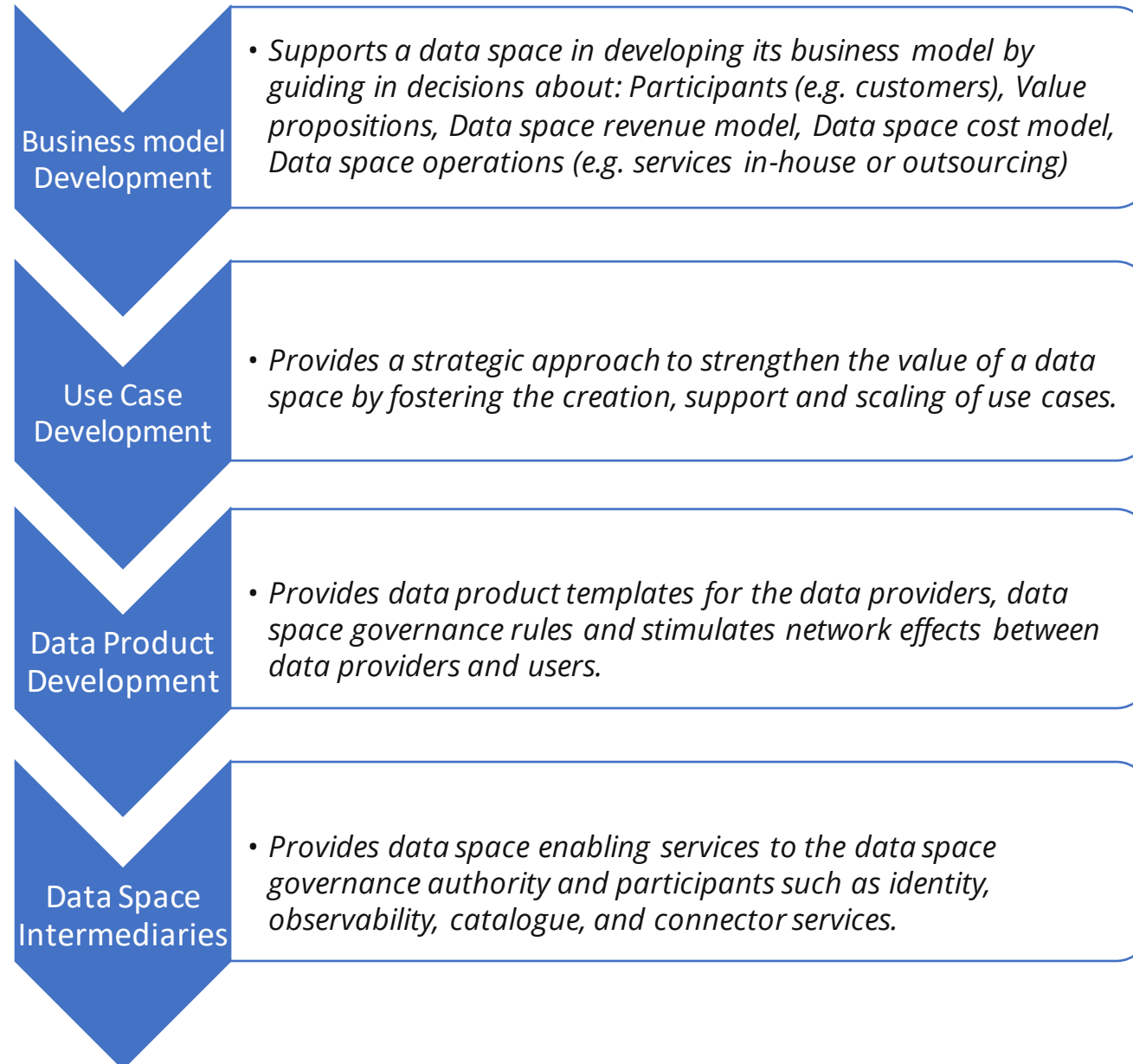
Describe capabilities on a technical level about:

Data Interoperability
Data Sovereignty & Trust
Data Value Creation



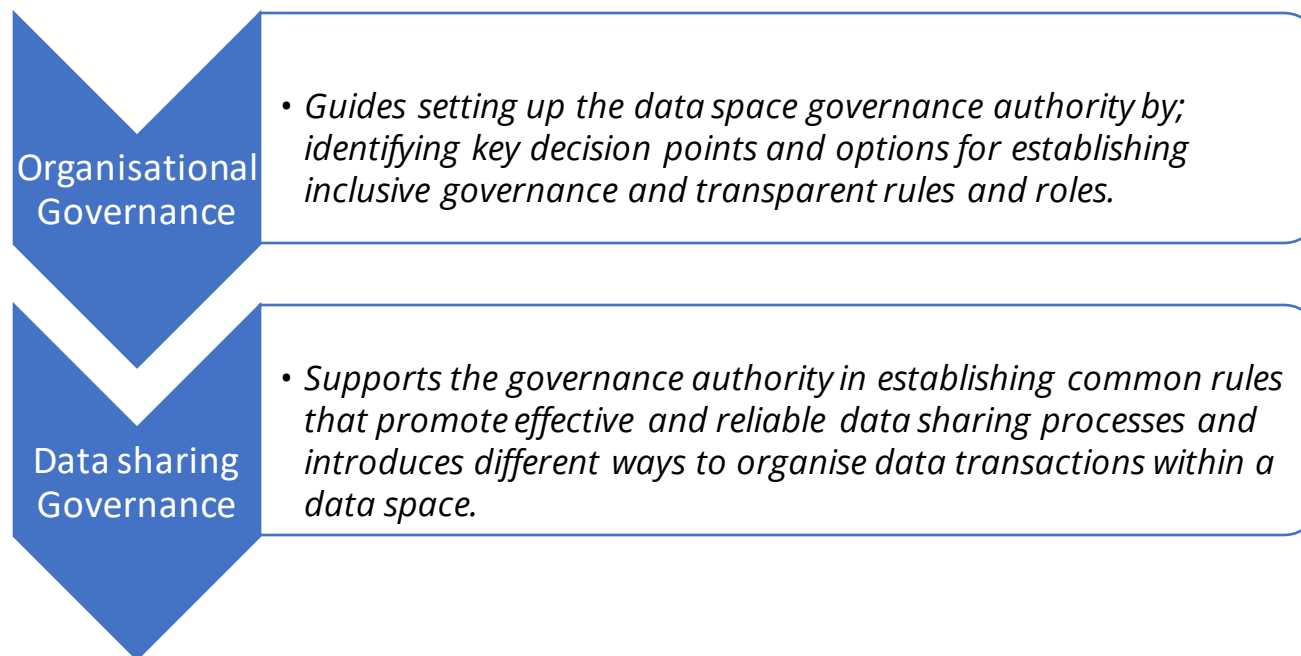
Organisational and Business BBs - Business

Essential concepts in Data Space Business modelling



Organisational and Business BBs - Governance

Data space-level governance



Organisational and Business BBs - Legal

Guidance and
resources to ensure
legal compliance & a
robust contractual
framework

Regulatory
Compliance

- *Provides awareness of the legal landscape and assesses regulatory requirements to ensure legal compliance and alignment with EU values.*

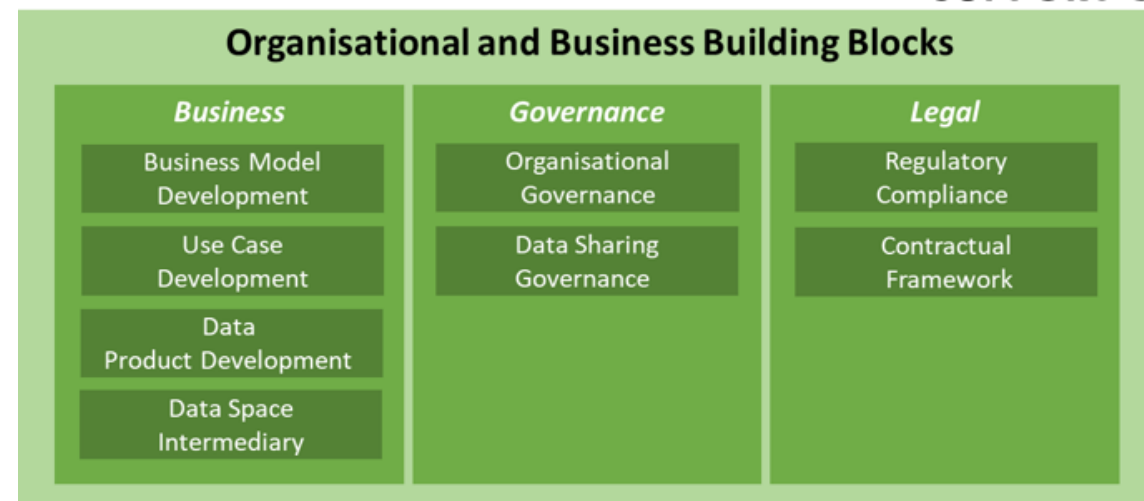
Contractual
Framework

- *Establish clear and enforceable rights and obligations for data space participants and provides contractual resources for data space participants to regulate their data transactions.*

Building Blocks (BBs)

Organisational & business building blocks

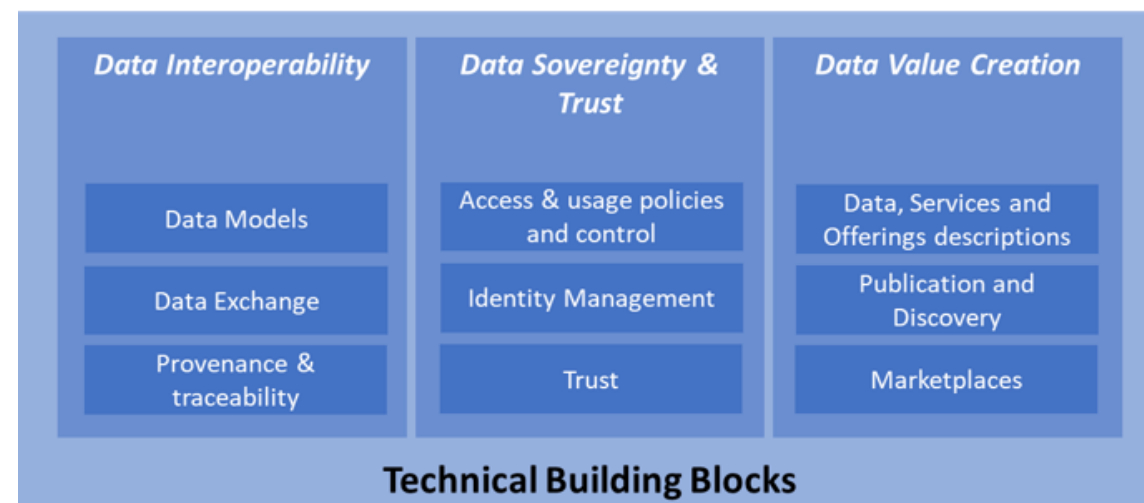
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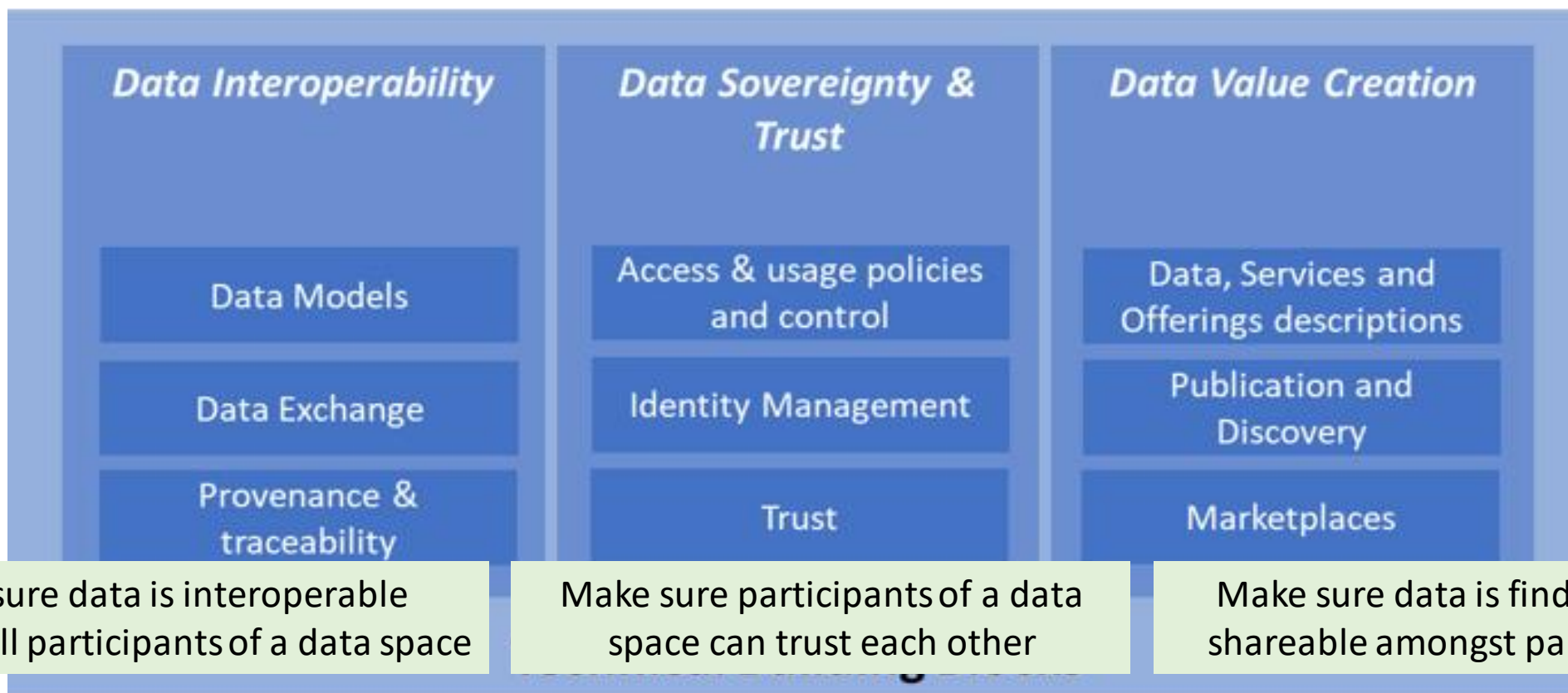
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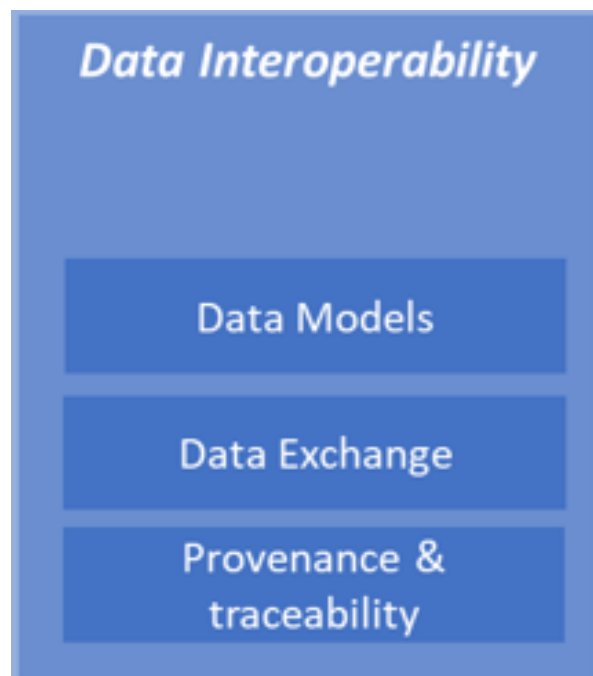
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Technical building blocks



Technology - Data Interoperability



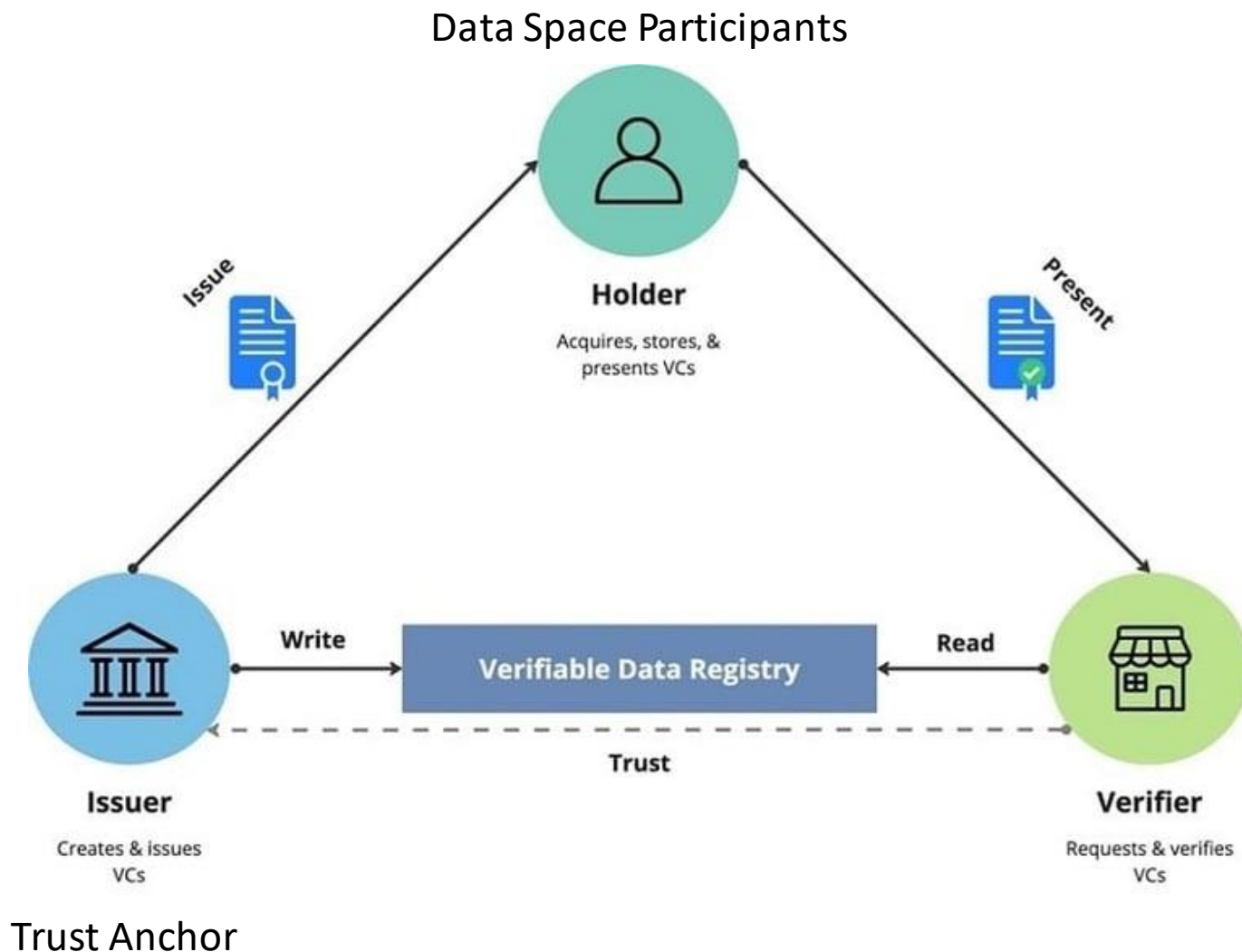
- Capabilities needed for the exchange of data: (semantic) models, data formats and interfaces (APIs)
- DSSC will not prescribe these (→ domain specific)
- Focus on approaches to set this up
- *Vocabularies*
- *Vocabulary hub*
- *Mapping data models → formats + APIs for data exchange*

Technology - Data Sovereignty & Trust



- Capabilities needed for
 - the identification of participants and assets
 - the establishment of trust
 - defining and enforcing policies for access and usage control

Leveraging W3C Verifiable Credentials



- Using W3C VC/VP for identification of data space participants
- Using W3C VC/VP for validating claims
- *Provide more examples and architectural guidance*
- *Link to business & organisation building blocks*
- *Link to conceptual model*

Leveraging ODRL for data access & usage policies



- W3C standard for expressing digital rights

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{
  "@context": "http://www.w3.org/ns/odrl.jsonld",
  "@type": "Agreement",
  "uid": "http://example.com/policy:1012",
  "profile": "http://example.com/odrl:profile:01",
  "permission": [{
    "target": "http://example.com/asset:9898.movie",
    "assigner": "http://example.com/party:org:abc",
    "assignee": "http://example.com/party:person:billie",
    "action": "play"
  }]
}
```

structure

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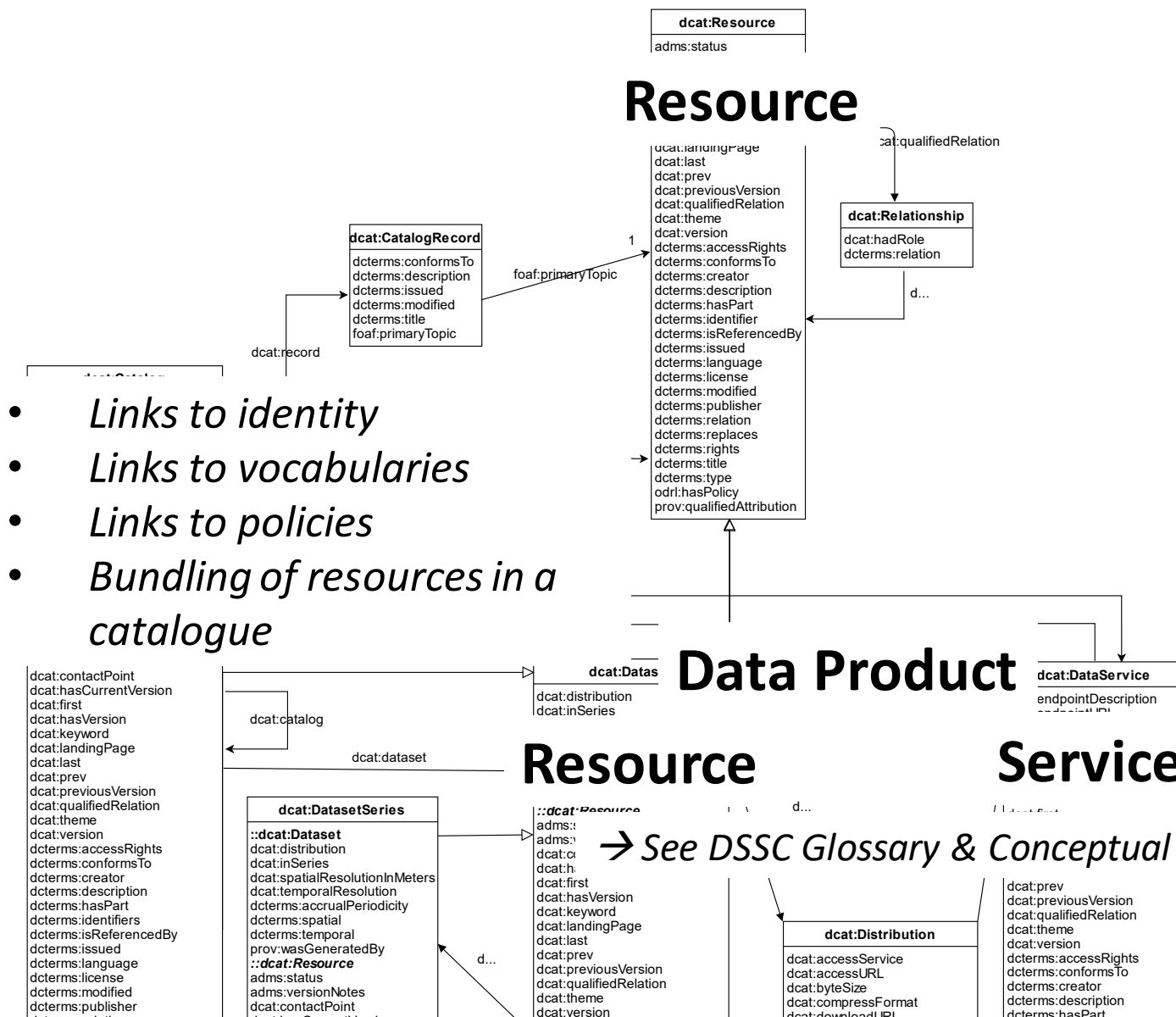
ing blocks
erational

Technology - Data Value Creation



- Enable value-creation in a data space
 - Register and discover data offerings or services
 - Provide marketplace functionality
 - Enable monetisation of data sharing
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- Capabilities will depend on data space specific business & governance models

Leveraging DCAT v3



- *Links to identity*
- *Links to vocabularies*
- *Links to policies*
- *Bundling of resources in a catalogue*

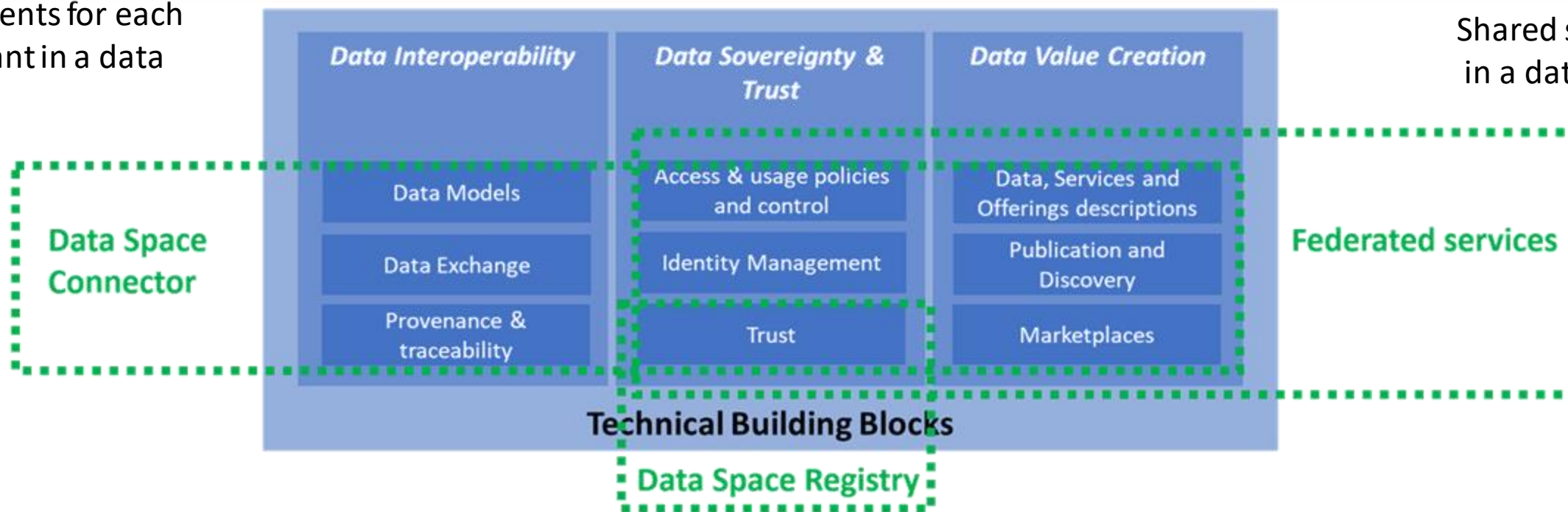
- W3C standard for data catalogues
- Building on EU open data experience
- Already integrated in several technology initiatives

→ See DSSC Glossary & Conceptual Model

Implementing technical building blocks

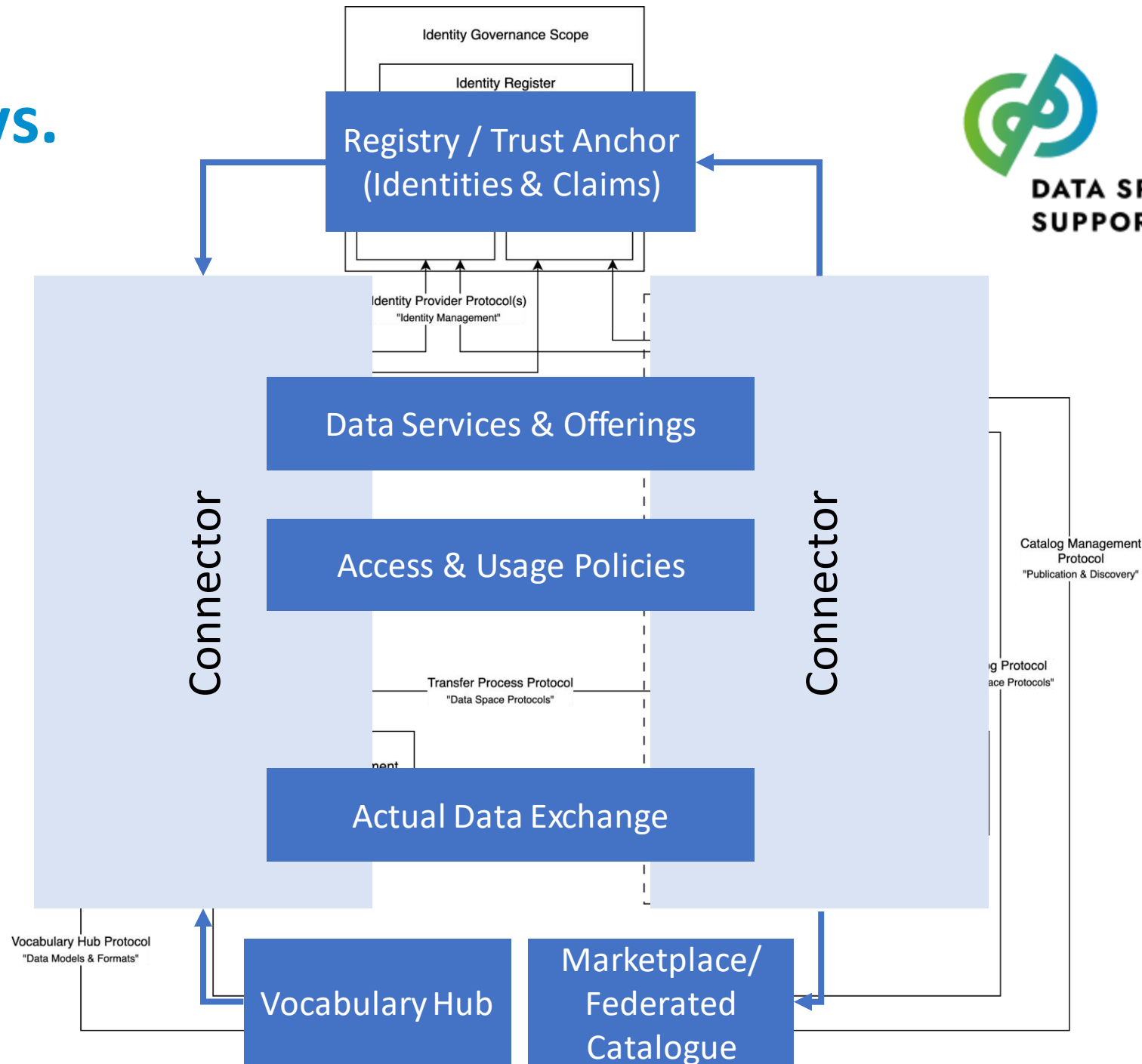
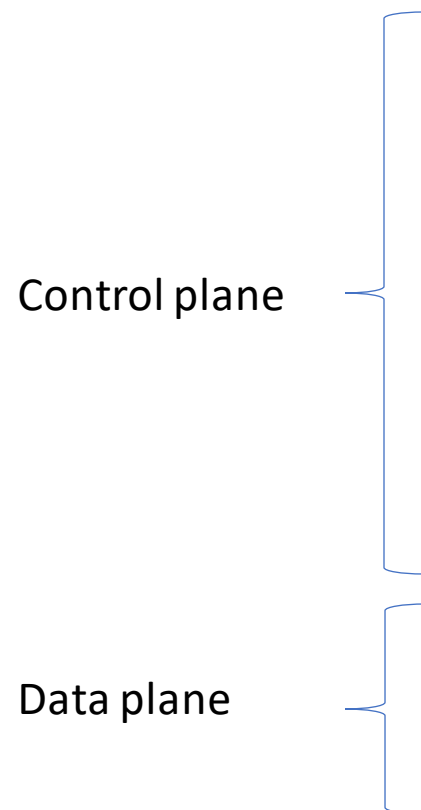
Components for each participant in a data space

Shared services in a data space



Registries for
identifying
participants & claims

Control plane vs. Data plane




Moving forward




- Continuous dialogue with our Community of Practice & Strategic Stakeholder Forum
- Extending specifications, providing best practices
- Working with industry partners (e.g. Data Spaces Business Alliance) on technological convergence
- Building a toolbox

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Blueprint

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Voor het laatst bijgewerkt op 2 dagen geleden

This is the start page for all Blueprint v0.5 information. The Blueprint is a consistent and comprehensive set of guidelines to support the development cycle of **data spaces**. In the blueprint, you can find the **concept** reference implementations identified in the **data spaces standards and technologies landscape**.

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Introduction

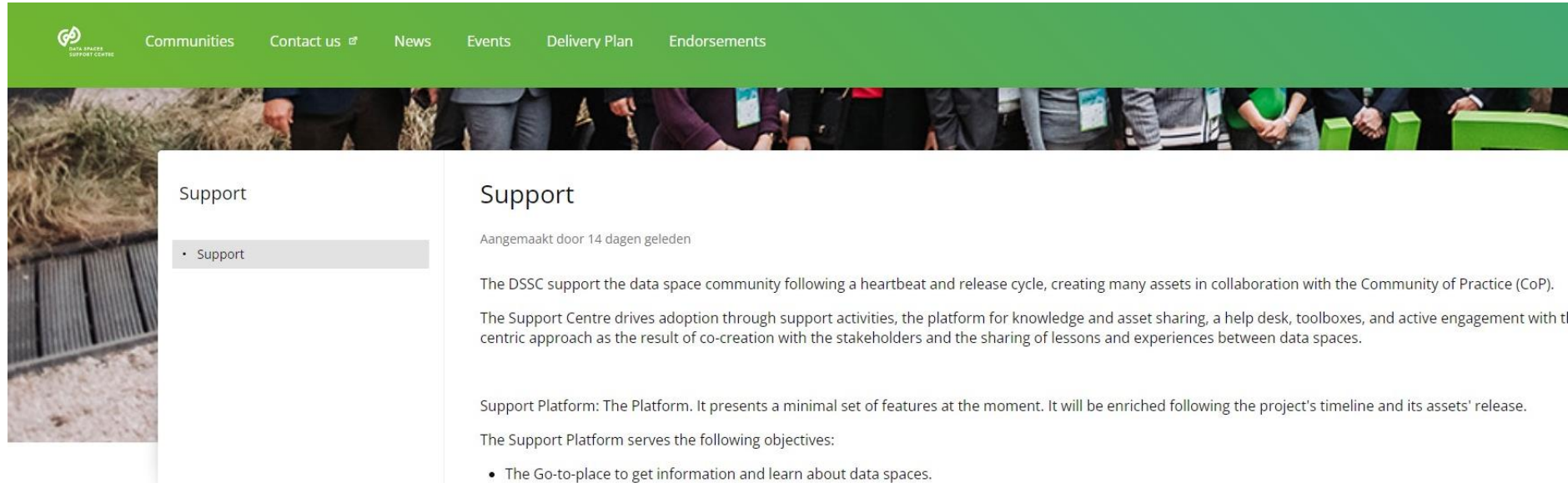
Data spaces enable a fair data economy in the Single European Market in which data can be exchanged and shared for the benefit of ecosystems while protecting the interest of individual parties regarding data sovereignty to harness the societal value of data, and to ensure Europe's global competitiveness and data sovereignty.

Through the Digital Europe Programme, the European Commission is investing in common European data spaces in strategic economic sectors and domains. This blueprint targets emerging data spaces and supports experts, developing data sharing technologies, standards, legal and governance frameworks, and innovative business models.

A data space is a distributed system defined by a **governance framework**, that enables trustworthy **data transactions** between **participants** while supporting trust and **data sovereignty**. A data space is implemented in smart cities, end-to-end intermodal mobility services as well as detailed traffic infrastructure monitoring. In data spaces, compliance to legal provisions regarding the management of data is essential.

Creating a data space entails activities at the governance, business, and technical levels. Addressing all three levels, the Data Space Blueprint aims at designing new data spaces, evaluating existing data spaces, and

Blueprint as part of the asset-based approach



- The Go-to-place to get information and learn about data spaces.
- Access point to join the co-creation process of the data spaces blueprint and other assets supporting the realization of data spaces.
- An entry point to organize the support by data spaces experts (in priority for data spaces funded under the Digital Europe Programme).
- For support requests please reach out via the Help Desk <https://dataspacessupportcentre.atlassian.net/servicedesk/customer/portal/5>

Q&A

