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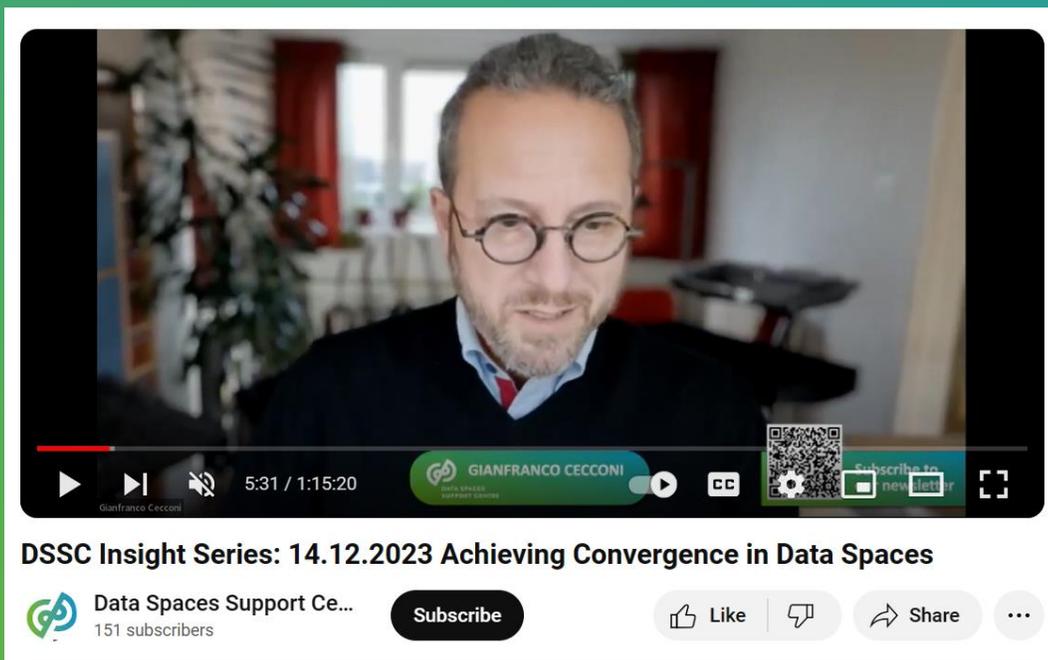
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Intro:

- Gianfranco Cecconi, Executive Director, Data Spaces Support Centre

Generative AI and Data Spaces white paper presentation:

- Ana Garcia Robles, Secretary General, Big Data Value Association
 - Savvas Rogotis, Senior Project Manager, Big Data Value Association
 - Tobias Guggenberger, Group Lead, Fraunhofer ISST
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- **Q&A (You can also ask questions in the chat!)**



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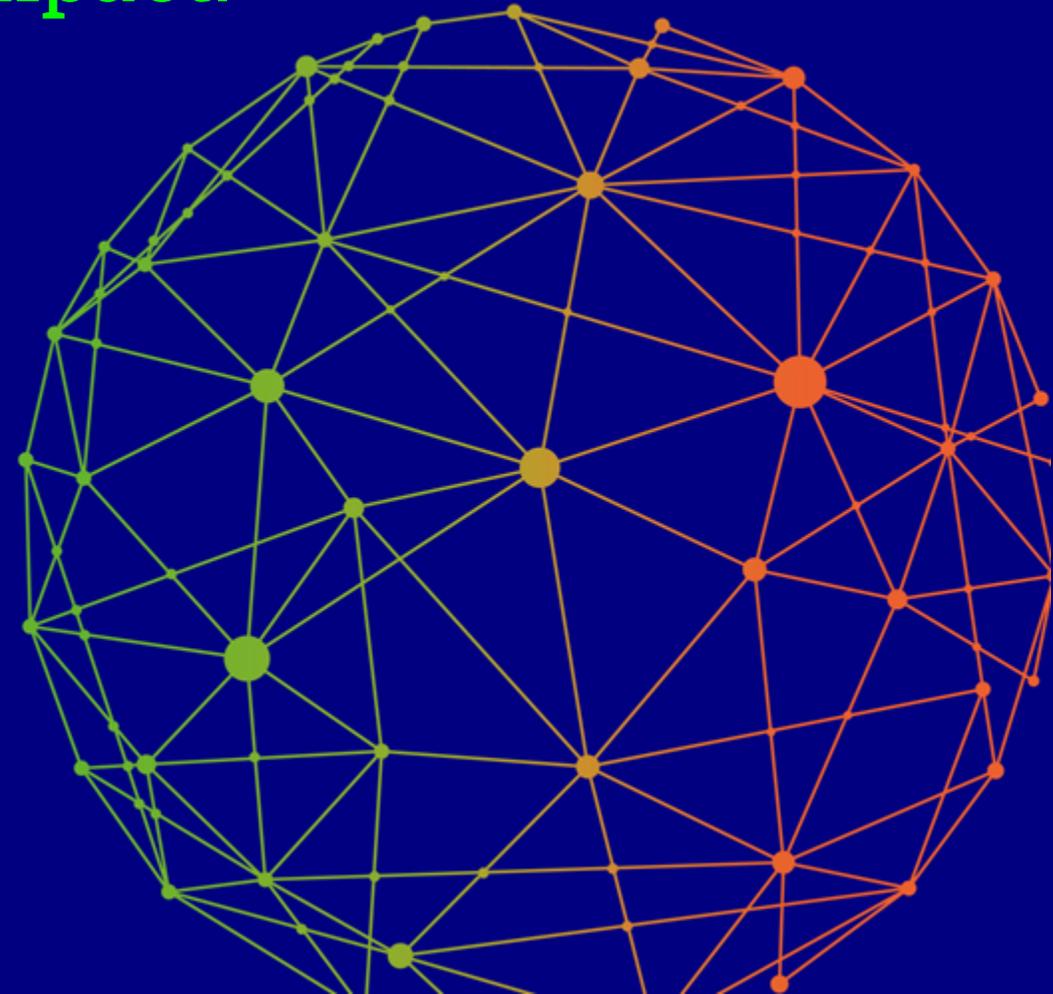
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Generative AI and Data Spaces

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Generative AI and Data Spaces

An interplay that fosters opportunities

- The **rise of Generative AI**, underpinned by new foundation models, offers numerous opportunities for businesses and society in Europe
- Synergies between Generative AI and Data Spaces hold **significant transformative potential**
- Exploring this interplay can be a **key for unlocking the value** of **industrial, commercial** and **personal** data
- Enabling their use for ethical and trustworthy AI - fostering **innovation, collaboration, and new business opportunities**

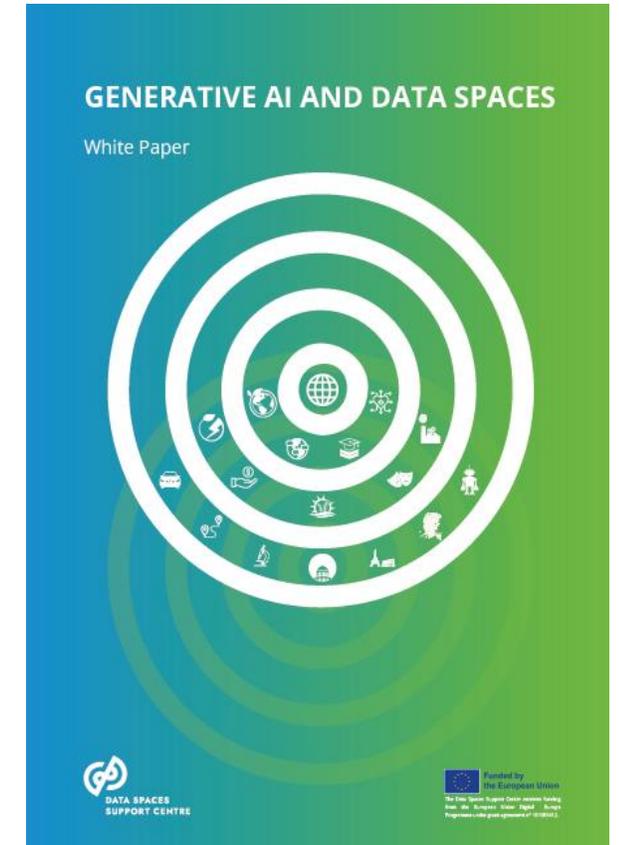
Rationale for building this whitepaper

Purpose:

- **inform** and enable various stakeholders **seize the opportunities** presented by common European **data spaces** for supporting and accelerating the **growth of trustworthy Generative AI**
- to **foster a common understanding** of this topic among various stakeholders and initiatives in Europe – a goal achieved during the production of the paper

A whitepaper produced in the context of the **DSSC and its Network of Stakeholders (NoS):**

- in particular in collaboration with the **Strategic Stakeholder Forum (SSF)**
- And with several **Data Spaces initiatives** that are part of the **Community of Practice (CoP)** and several AI initiatives that are developing key infrastructures for Europe



The DSSC Strategic Stakeholder Forum



- Multi stakeholder group of **key organisations** very active and with expertise in the **Data Space landscape** (sectoral and cross-sectoral).
- Active **advisory and strategic role** for the DSSC
- It includes **32 members from 12 EU countries** (but also members with European & international focus)
- It is open for new organisations to join.



The Generative AI and Data Spaces whitepaper: A real collective effort

- **DSSC consortium partners**
BDVA, KUL, Fraunhofer ISST, VTT, Insight, SITRA, FIWARE
- **DSSC Strategic Stakeholder Forum Members**
Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications of Estonia, EC JRC, CSC, iShare, ILVO, 1001 Lakes, Dynamo
- **Data Space initiatives (TEMS, LDS, GREAT)**
CMCC, EGI, CNR, ELDA, ARC, DFKI, TILDE
- **other relevant stakeholders (e.g. AI TEFs, DeployAI, OpenGPT-X)**
FBK, CEA, BIH-Charite, Demokritos, Fraunhofer IAIS
- **45 experts - 26 organisations - 11 initiatives all bringing different roles and contributions**

Value not only in the outcome but also in the co-creation and co-learning process during the production of the paper

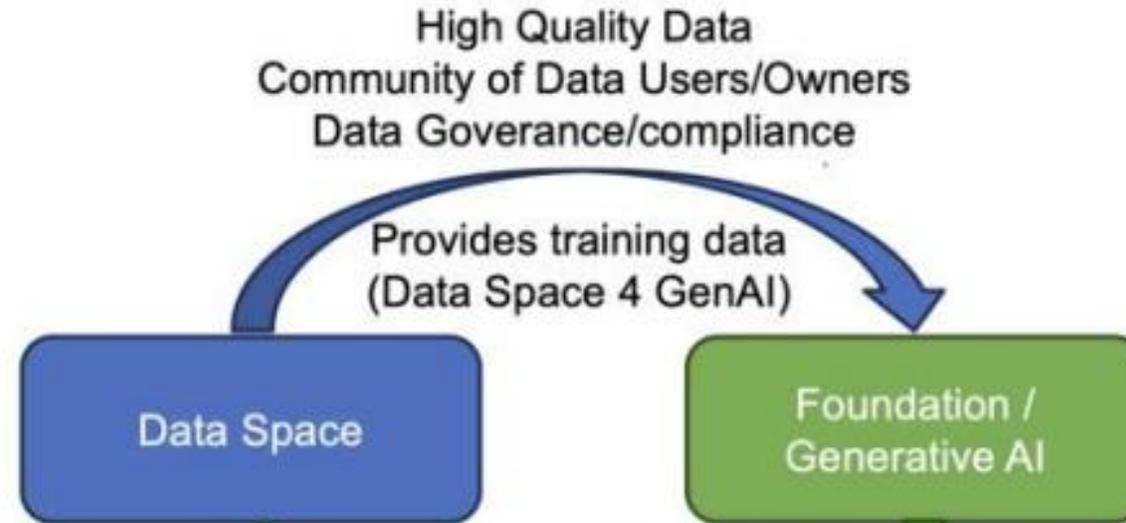
This paper **will evolve** as we are already receiving comments, and strong interest for further participation



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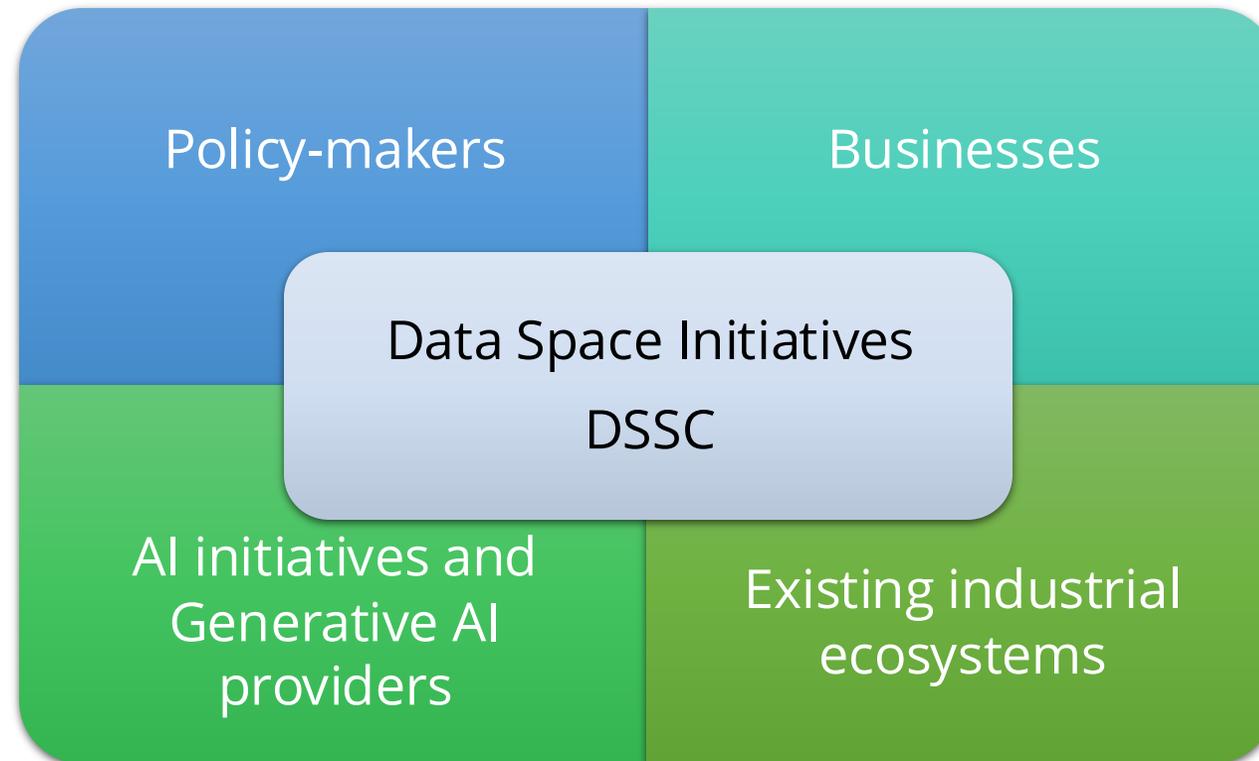


Synergies between Data Spaces and Generative AI



- While acknowledging **sybiotic collaboration**, focus is primarily on the **potential of data spaces for Generative AI**

Whitepaper that aims to be useful for many different audiences



Learnings from several initiatives (1)

Common European Data Spaces



Generative AI projects



Learnings from several initiatives (2)

Generative AI projects

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Several sectors based on research activities and projects



Healthcare
domain

CLARIFY



Cybersecurity
domain



Agriculture
domain

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The specific case study of AI Factories

- **AI Factories** as an illustrative scenario, cross-cutting between data-computing-GenAI, where aspects and learnings from this Whitepaper can be applied

<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/ai-factories>

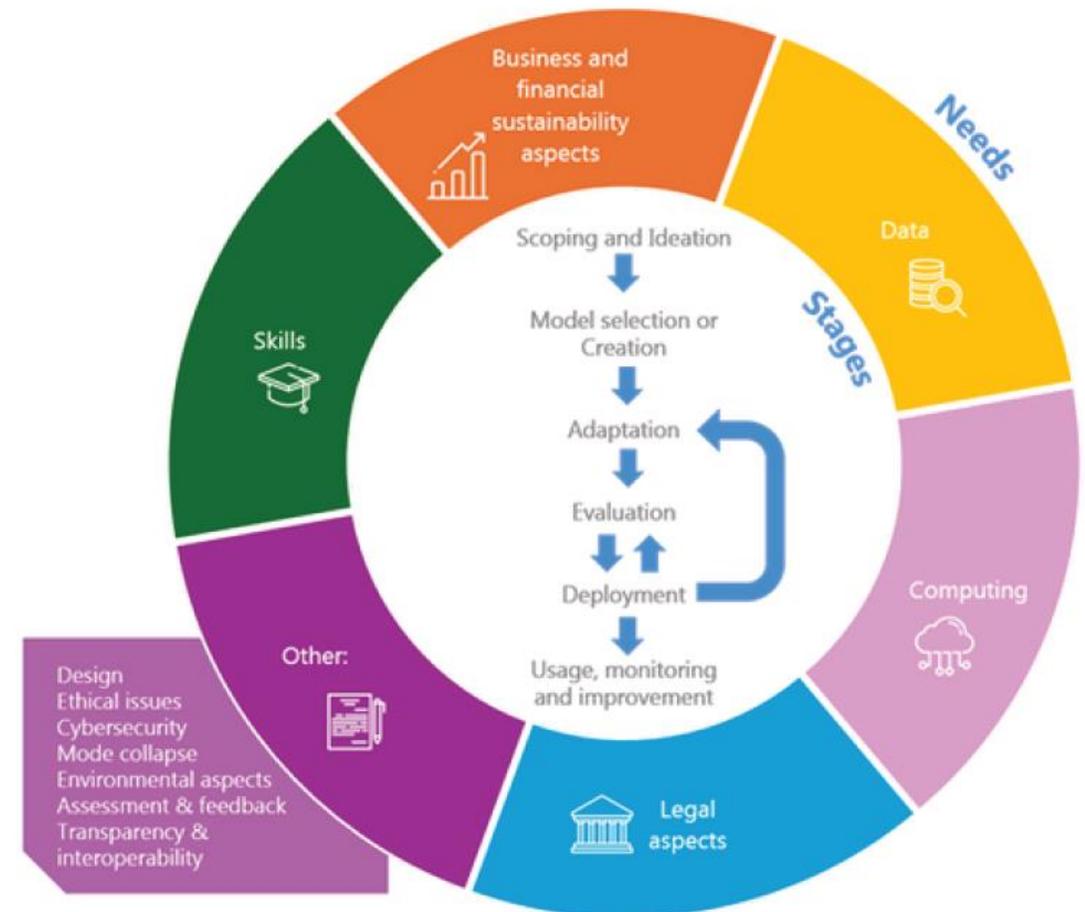
- *“AI Factories are dynamic ecosystems that foster innovation, collaboration, and development in the field of AI. They bring together the necessary ingredients – computer power, data, and talent– to create cutting-edge generative AI models. They serve as hubs driving advancements in AI applications across various key domains, from health to energy, and from manufacturing to meteorology”*
- Integration of AI Factories and data spaces poses many opportunities & some challenges
- Content based on collaborative effort and extended in a **discussion paper BDVA** is elaborating with many different stakeholders.

Generative AI multidimensional challenges & needs

- **What are the main challenges + needs for Generative AI in the EU?**
- Data, computing, skills, legal requirements, business & financial sustainability
- Other challenges linked to AI: design, ethical issues, mode collapse, content pollution & quality, transparency & interpretability, assessment & feedback, cybersecurity, environmental aspects, ...
- Distinct needs + challenges at each stage (evolving)

- Data Spaces can naturally support in data needs but this is not the whole story
- Data Spaces could also help overcoming other needs/challenges

Stages of GenAI and horizontal aspects



Data spaces' transformative potential for Generative AI

- Entry point to **Domain specific (including industrial) data needs**
- Providing strong foundations for **High Quality Data** for Generative AI models and applications
- Contributing to **Privacy-Preserving Generative AI** through distributed approaches

A data-sharing infrastructure addressing data needs

Bringing in the digital & business ecosystem perspective

- Developing a **community of stakeholders**
- **Distributed value chains** and **business and monetisation opportunities**

- Promoting **transparency** and **traceability**
- Facilitating adherence to **standards**
- Facilitating **data governance**
- Promoting protection of **IPRs**
- Supporting compliance with **privacy** and **data protection law**
- Addressing **cybersecurity** needs

Supporting regulatory compliance

Investments and key accomplishments of Data Spaces in EU as an enabler for Generative AI

- **EU Investments** in Data Spaces
- Relevant **legislative** instruments

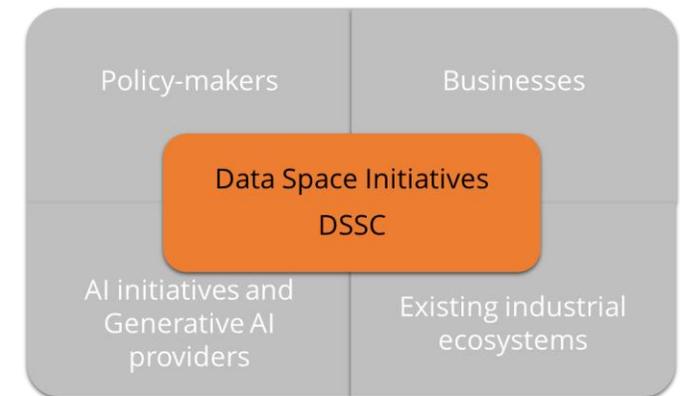
Challenges to unlock full potential of data spaces for Generative AI



- Maturity of data spaces v. growing demands of Generative AI
- Lack of holistic framework and integrated digital infrastructure to address diverse needs & challenges of Generative AI at scale
- Interoperability & simplicity
- Data representation, diversity & quality
- Insufficient evidence/examples of how successful Generative AI applications have been built based on data spaces/sharing paradigms
- Lack of incentives to leverage Industrial data for Generative AI in data spaces
- Adaptation to new data trends

Recommendations for different audiences

1. Define and deploy means of **simplified, harmonised access** to cross-sectoral and federated **data spaces** serving data accessibility for Generative AI needs
2. **Foster innovation** in data ecosystems with Generative AI
 - Providing **Generative AI sandboxes** and **experimentation environments** within European data spaces, allowing stakeholders to experiment and unlock the potential in the Generative AI value chain
3. **Identification of use cases** and creation of a **catalogue of learnings** from Generative AI applications built on top of data sharing – using it as an instrument to further promote data sharing
 - Creating a catalogue of use cases and learnings across different sectors would serve as a valuable resource for newcomers and organisations eager to support developments offering concrete incentives
4. Advance **in integrating Generative AI requirements** in data space assets, frameworks, technologies and participants

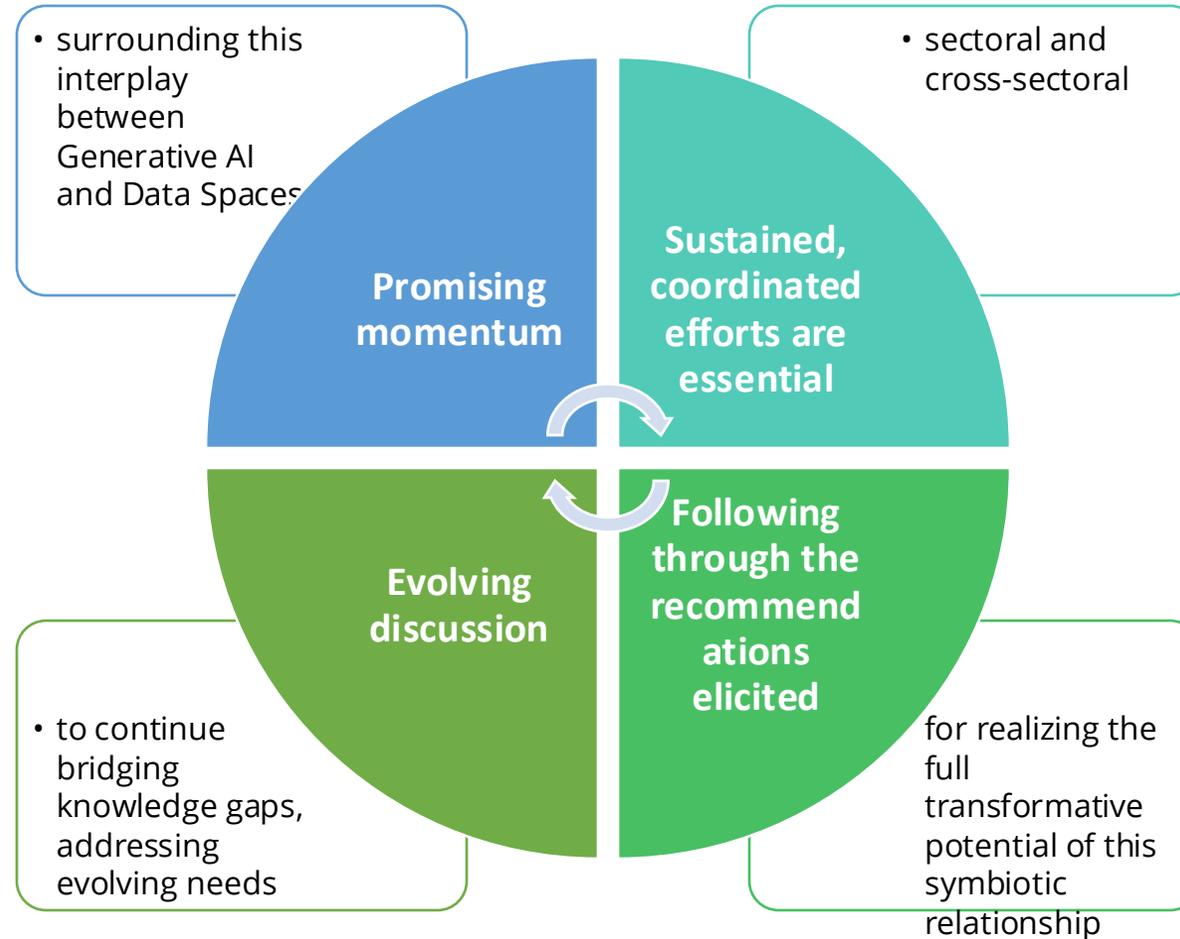


Recommendations for different audiences

1. Coordinate efforts for creating **domain-specific Generative AI models** across all industrial sectors by building on common EU data spaces
2. Continue **balanced and coordinated efforts** in data spaces, Generative AI, and Computing infrastructures
3. Shape an **integrated & comprehensive** framework to address the diverse needs of Generative AI in a **holistic** and **timely** manner
 - Considering key areas like regulatory compliance but also addressing Generative AI needs relating to data, computing, infrastructure, innovative business models and skills, not in isolation but rather combined.
4. Accelerate **training** and **upskilling**
 - New skills and competences are needed to deal with evolving requirements in data spaces, computing and Generative AI intersections



Conclusions



The whitepaper is available

The paper is available
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(you may find it in a
relevant blog post)

<https://dssc.eu/space/News/blog/380600324/The+new+%E2%80%9CGenerative+AI+and+Data+Spaces%22+white+paper+of+the+Strategic+Stakeholder+Forum+is+now+available>

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