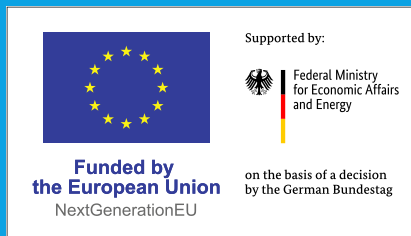




Data Space *Accelerator*

*A publicly funded study to lower the entry
barriers into Catena-X*



Why getting started takes effort

Three structural realities of joining a data space



Joining a Data Space takes some effort

Data spaces offer significant benefits. Yet, understanding requirements, roles and processes requires learning and orientation.



Participation requires upfront investment

Time, internal resources, and initial setup effort are needed before companies become operational in a data space.



Benefits scale at ecosystem level

Efficiency gains and economic benefits increase as more companies participate, making contributions essential to reaching a critical mass.



The Data Space *Accelerator Study*



... examines the productive adoption of industrial data spaces using Catena-X as the example. The goal is to derive practically usable results to accelerate onboarding, use case implementation and value realisation.

What the study delivers

Purpose & output



Adoption Gap Diagnosis

Readiness gaps and their root causes, mapped along the full data value chain — symptoms separated from causes.



High-Probability Adoption Profiles

Which company types, use cases and context conditions lead to faster productive participation.



Targeted Interventions

Evidence-based levers replacing generic onboarding — actionable for Catena-X and other data spaces.

Two surveys, one storyline

The measurement

The participation is measured before and after onboarding. Comparing the two waves lets the study show genuine organizational change — not just differences between respondents.

1

Setup survey (baseline)

Captures the starting point: business innovation, data strategy & governance, data usage & quality, data products, internal/external/data space exchange, IT landscape, and Catena-X readiness.

2

Exit survey (follow-up)

After the first productive data exchange: measures change in readiness, usage intensity, organizational adaptation, and the value experienced by the company.

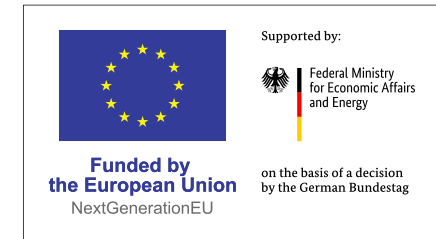
Data Space Accelerator Study

Purpose and Outputs

The **Data Space Accelerator** is a study funded by the German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE) and coordinated by the International Data Spaces Association (IDSA).

What the study delivers:

- Empirical evidence on economic and organizational benefits of data sharing.
- Actionable recommendations to strengthen digital readiness.
- Case-based insights from multiple use cases.



Public Funds

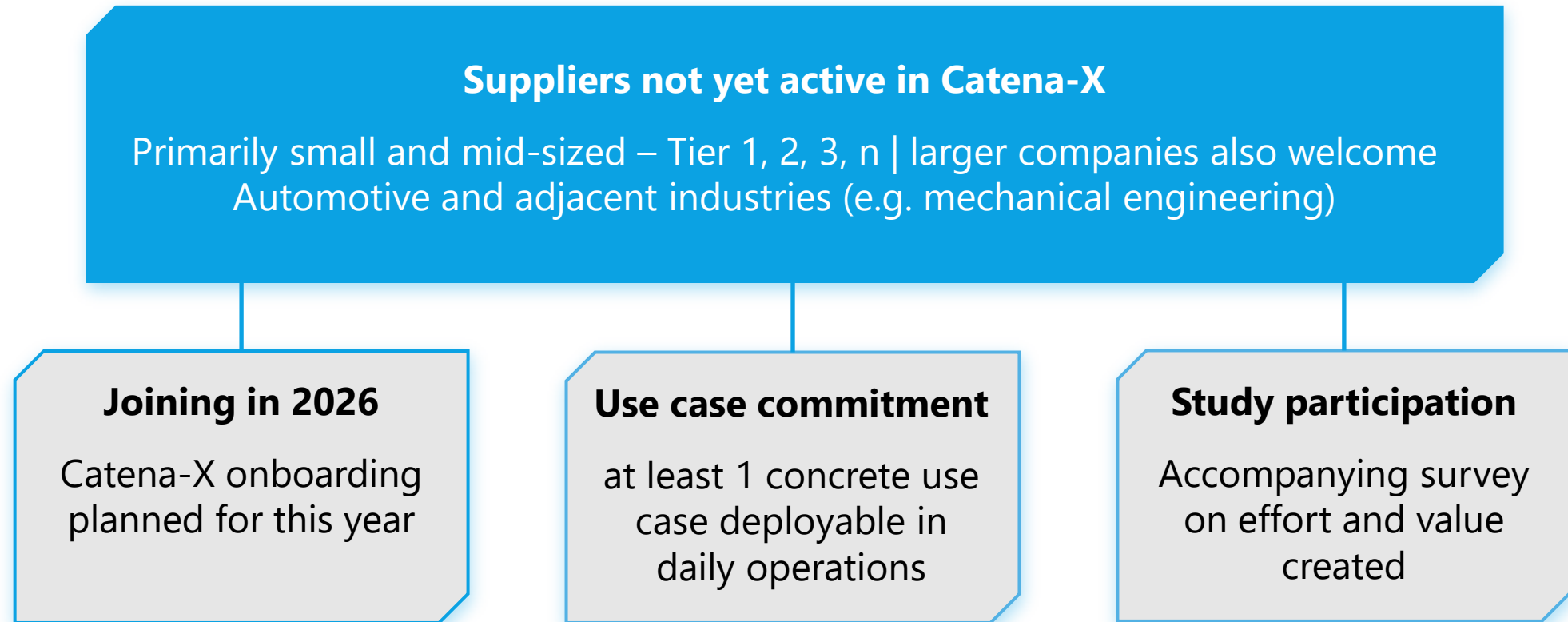
> € 20 M.

15k or 30k € Study Period 2026

IDSA Catena-X Cofinity-X

Notice: For participants based outside Germany, the remuneration amount is recalculated using a purchasing power index. Details can be found in the program [tender documents](#).

Who the Program is for



What's in it for me?

What participation means in practice



Easily join Catena-X: Start with a simple, predefined use case that enables meaningful participation in a data space.



Guided Onboarding: No prior data space experience is required. Onboarding and use-case implementation can optionally be supported by certified partners.



Remuneration: Receive remuneration based on verified results. Remuneration is paid after successful onboarding *and* proven productive data sharing.

Choose Your Path

Choice based on your available capacity and ambition

A

Basic Path (Lot 1)

Remuneration of
EUR 15,000
(net plus VAT)

- > Data space onboarding
- > Use case: Company Certificate Management
- > Baseline questionnaire
- > Follow-up questionnaire

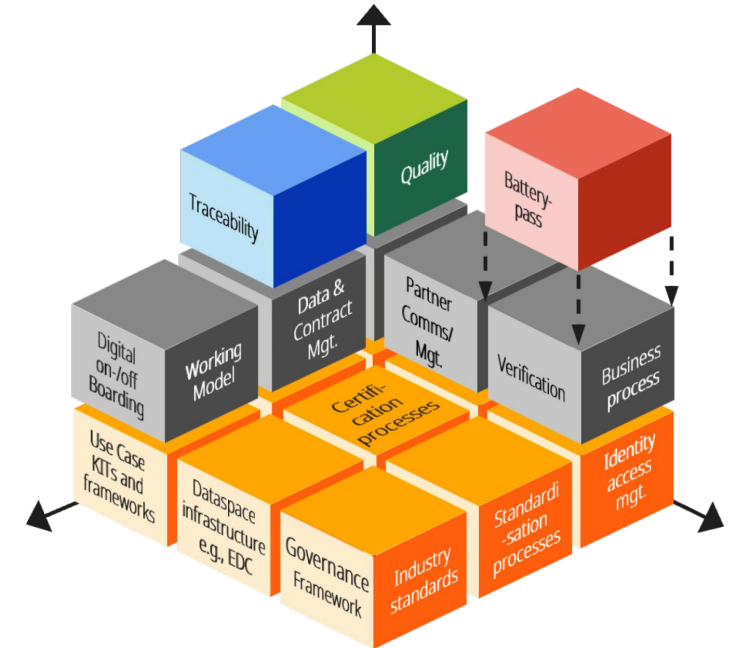
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Recommended

Advanced Path (Lot 2)

Remuneration of
EUR 30,000
(net plus VAT)

- > Data space onboarding
- > Use case: Company Certificate Management
- > Baseline questionnaire
- > Follow-up questionnaire
- + **Additional Catena-X use case**



*Explore more use cases
at www.cofinity-x.com*

How It Works

From Offer to Compensation in 6 Easy Steps

1

Submit Offer & Choose Path

By fully completing and submitting this offer form, the company submits a binding offer to perform the public tender under the Data Space Accelerator Program.

2

Review and Acceptance

The program coordinator will review your application against the terms and conditions. Once approved, you'll receive confirmation and can proceed.

3

Select Your Use Cases

Based on your chosen program path, you proceed either with Company Certificate Management only or decide for an additional Catena-X use case. You then complete the baseline questionnaire.

4

Data Space Onboarding

You are guided through the Cofinity-X onboarding process to connect your company to the Catena-X productive environment.

5

First Data Sharing

You complete and demonstrate a real data exchange in the data space along your use case. After that, you receive your Data Readiness Certificate.

6

Receive Remuneration

Submit your Data Readiness Certificate to the program coordinator and claim your remuneration once everything is verified.

Program Partners

Strong partners for your data space success

**INTERNATIONAL DATA
SPACES ASSOCIATION**



International Data Spaces e. V.

Program organizer driving the vision of sovereign data sharing across industries and enabling trusted data ecosystems worldwide.



Catena-X Automotive Network e. V.

Governance body of the Catena-X data space, establishing standards and rules for secure, interoperable data exchange in the automotive industry.

Cofinity-X

Cofinity-X GmbH

Secure and trusted data space operating company, providing the technical infrastructure to connect and exchange data within the Catena-X ecosystem.



Your first data exchange *starts here.*



Find in the **FAQ section**
answers to the most
important questions
about the program.

