

Data Space Accelerator

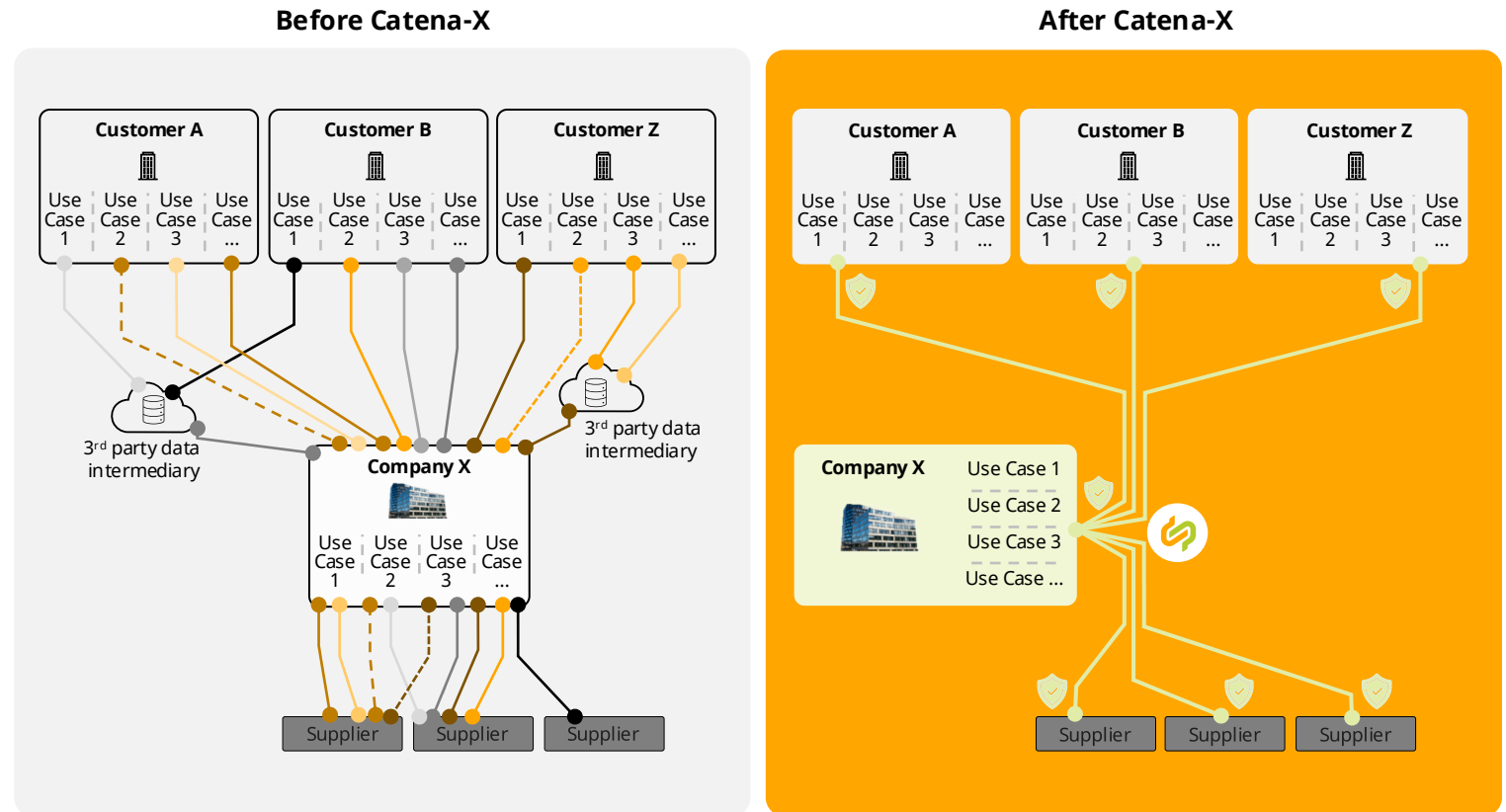
A publicly funded study to lower the entry barriers into
Catena-X



Catena-X provides a *shared language* & *unified framework* for data exchange.

With Catena-X, companies can exchange any kind of data based on common standards and clearly defined usage policies. The principle of data sovereignty lies at its foundation: the data owner decides what is shared, with whom, and under what conditions.

- ✓ Lower costs, less manual effort
- ✓ Ease of value chain collaboration
- ✓ Security & decentralization
- ✓ Be an attractive partner





Why Catena-X matters *beyond* the Data Space Accelerator.



Resiliency & cost savings

Move data up and down the value chain across every tier, strengthening core processes like quality and logistics.



Regulatory readiness at scale

Meet requirements such as product passports and CSDDD once, then reuse that readiness across customers and regulations.



A seat in the next industry standard

Interoperability, trust and global acceptance are becoming baseline expectations — early participants help shape how it works.

+400

**Global companies
onboarded only in H1
2026**

Already the mandatory
procurement standard
for a European OEM

Data spaces are becoming essential infrastructure for every industry, the same way electricity and the internet once did. Participating pays off far beyond this one program.

2026 is the year to join
Catena-X. Get up to
€30,000 back for your
first data exchange

Joining Catena-X just got better; Get up to
€30,000 remuneration.

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The **Data Space** *Accelerator Study*



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.



Benefits *beyond* the remuneration.

Before the study



Joining a Data Space takes 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.

With the Data Space Accelerator Study



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 into Catena-X



Basic Path (Lot 1)

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

Remuneration of
EUR 15,000
(net plus VAT)

Advanced Path (Lot 2)

Recommended

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

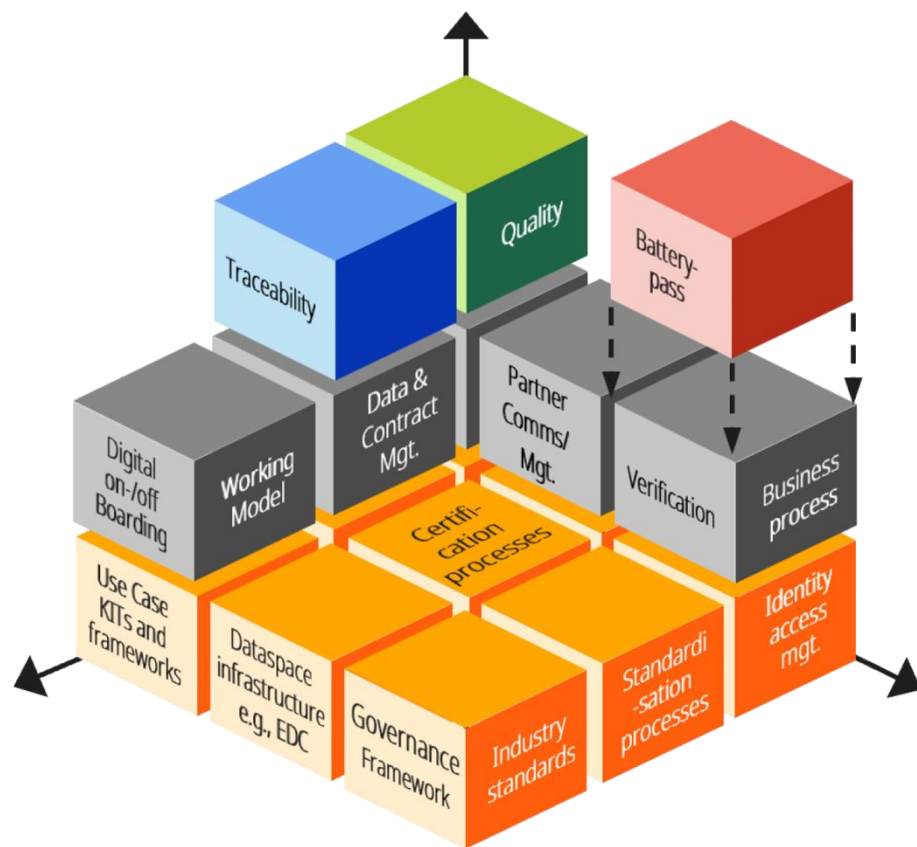
Explore more use cases at www.cofinity-x.com

Remuneration of
EUR 30,000
(net plus VAT)

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](#).



Leverage *use cases* with ease once you start on your path.



	Basic Path	Advanced Path
Company Certificate Management	✓	✓
Product Carbon Footprint	✗	○
Digital Product Passport	✗	○
Demand & Capacity Management	✗	○
Traceability	✗	○
Quality	✗	○
Short Term Supply Management (PURIS)	✗	○
Business Partner Data Management	✗	○

Legend: ✓ Included in the path | ✗ Not included in the path | ○ Companies can choose **one additional** use case from the list



Program *Eligibility* & *Requirements*

☰ Requirements

At least 10 employees and €500,000 revenue in each of the last three calendar years.

🕒 Retroactive Entry

Companies that joined the data space since 1 May 2026 can participate retroactively.

🏆 Eligible Countries

All EU member states and the following countries:

- Armenia
- Aruba (via the Netherlands)
- Australia
- Canada
- Chinese
- Taipei / Taiwan
- Hong Kong (China)
- Iceland
- Israel
- Japan
- Liechtenstein
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- New Zealand
- North Macedonia
- Norway
- Singapore
- South Korea
- Switzerland
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States

Two Surveys, One Storyline

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.



Join the study in *6 easy steps*

1 Submit Offer & Choose Path

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

2 Review & 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 data exchange in the data space along your use case with Cofinity-X. **No customer or live data is required.** 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.**

“ For us as a medium-sized company, the biggest challenge was not the technology itself, but taking the first steps into Catena-X. The Data Space Accelerator study significantly lowered the barriers to entry. We were able to implement our first concrete use case and gain valuable hands-on experience within a short period of time.

Tobias Ott

Technical Managing Director, KSE GmbH



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Program *Partners*

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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.

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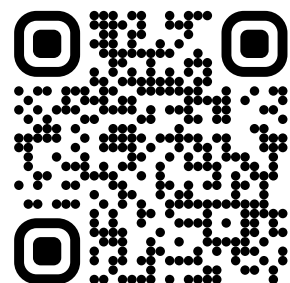
Secure and trusted data space operating company, providing the technical infrastructure to connect and exchange data within the Catena-X ecosystem.

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Your *first data exchange* starts here



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

<https://data-space-accelerator.com/>



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