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1. Policy Background

European Strategy for data

➢ focuses on **putting people first** in developing technology, and defending and promoting European values and rights in the digital world

➢ Aim is to create **a genuine single market for data** that ensures Europe's **global competitiveness** and **data sovereignty**

➢ Commission invests in **common European data spaces** in strategic economic sectors and domains of public interest

➢ Data spaces should foster an **ecosystem** where **new products and services** are created based on **more accessible data**

➢ Staff Working Document that reviews the state of play of the common European data spaces

Common European Data Space for Skills

→ "to **reduce the skills mismatches** between the education and training system on the one hand and the labour market needs on the other[1]." [European Strategy for data]

➢ Preparatory Action finished in 2023**: DS4Skills**

➢ Main Outcomes:

  ➢ **Data Space for Skills Blueprint:** comprehensive framework that addresses aspects ranging from business models and governance to technical architecture, user experience, and growth and roll out strategy.

  ➢ **Interactive inventory of skills data initiatives:** collects and categorises initiatives operating or building skills & education data ecosystems

1. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52020DC0066, page 23

2. What are we looking for?

The **development and deployment** of a secure and trusted **common European data space for skills**

➢ **integrate, test and deploy the technical infrastructure**

➢ implementation of **three use cases**

➢ put in place a **governance mechanism**

➢ provide **continuous maintenance operations**, **monitor** the usage & offer a **helpdesk**

➢ foster **engagement**

➢ long-term **economic sustainability**

Particular attention should be paid to:

➢ Implementation of a **minimum of three use cases**

o e.g. **data-based innovative solutions** involving job offers, qualifications, learning opportunities, lists of curricula and certifications, etc.

➢ **Connecting data and service providers** to the infrastructure

o Includes providing guidance support and training documentation to reduce entry barriers, possibly onboarding events or networking opportunities

3. Any projects on which the proposal should build

➤ outcomes of the preparatory action DS4Skills: must build upon the **Data Space for Skills Blueprint** and take into consideration the **Interactive inventory of skills data initiatives**

➤ expected to **integrate building blocks and infrastructure** funded under the Call DIGITAL-2022-CLOUD-AI-03-PILOTS-CLOUD-SERVICES

➤ Work in close partnership with **DSSC** to **ensure alignment with the rest of ecosystem**, use (insofar as possible and when available) the smart middleware platform **SIMPL**

➤ Seek **complementarity with existing initiatives** in the domain of skills and qualifications → establish links to actions of these initiatives

➤ Take into account similar public or private data spaces developed at national or regional level across the EU.

4. Who are the types of main stakeholders that are addressed?

➤ higher education institutions, vocational education and training institutions, other education and training providers

➤ businesses, Human Resources (HR) organisations

➤ employment agencies, public employment services, guidance providers

➤ trade and industry associations, alliances and social partners

➤ IT developers, other private and public actors (particularly in job search and recruitment services as well as data sharing)

5. Are there any additional documents / relevant links?

➢ Open Call

Data space-related background documents:

➢ Common European Data Spaces, Commission Communication "*A European strategy for data*"

➢ Staff working document on data spaces, Second staff working document on data spaces

➢ DIGITAL Europe Work Programme 2023-2024

Other relevant links:

- European Skills Agenda
- Digital Education Action Plan
- Digital Decade Policy Programme 2030
- Digital Skills and Jobs Platform
- Europass, ESCO, EURES, Skills-OVATE
- EU Digital Identity Wallet

6. Please list upcoming information days and other events of relevance to this area

➢ *EC 12-14 March 2024:* _Data Spaces Symposium_*, Darmstadt, Data Spaces Business Alliance*

➢_Newsletter of the DSSC_

Thank you – Questions?

Please give your feedback via the satisfaction survey: