

InfrateX Consortium led by Sopra Steria awarded Simpl – a major multiple Framework contract for DG CONNECT of the European Commission

Sopra Steria as leader of InfrateX Consortium, with NTT Data as partner, has been awarded a major 4-year framework contract for Simpl by the Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology of the European Commission. The aim of the Simpl framework, as the name suggests, is to simplify cloud-to-edge federations and data spaces and generate interoperability between heterogeneous data services. The InfrateX Consortium is proud to be one of the only 2 contractors selected for this multiple framework contract.

The objective of the contract is to develop a large-scale modular, interoperable and open-source smart European middleware platform to enable and facilitate the integration of data infrastructures and services and to address the needs of the different data spaces and enable the realisation of the European Cloud Federation.


InfrateX Consortium, which is endorsed by Gaia-X, FIWARE, i-Share and BAIDATA, is built around a pan-European ecosystem of carefully selected diverse companies each with an important added value to ensure the success of Simpl's implementation. This unprecedented collaboration brings together 26 partners from 14 European countries, including data space technology providers, ESN, Editors, Cloud Providers, Academics, Associations, Certification Service Providers and startups/SMEs to cover a broad operational spectrum:

- Digital Services Companies: Sopra Steria, NTT Data, PwC, Cybernetica, soivity, wetransform, Software Quality Systems (SQS)
- Cloud Providers: OVHcloud, CloudFerro, Telefonica
- Software Providers: Clever Cloud, Docaposte, deltaDao AG, Cleyrop, Aleia, BYO Networks, Innovalia, Dawex, Fair & Smart, Ponder Source, Innovalia
- Researchers & Technology Organisations: ITI, IMEC
- Associations: CISPE (Cloud Infrastructure Services Providers in Europe), Digital New Deal, Eclipse Foundation, Hub France IA
- Countries: France, Belgium, Germany, Netherlands, Spain, Luxembourg, Poland, Estonia, Lithuania, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Austria.


Aligned with the European motto "United in Diversity", our consortium purposefully intends to adopt an open, pragmatic, and collective approach, finding a perfect echo in the open-source philosophy of the European Commission. Built on the principles of a European trustworthy, integrated and sovereign infrastructure **InfrateX is committed to supporting DG CONNECT in its ambition for Simpl and to build a better future for the European digital economy.**

"Sopra Steria's involvement in SIMPL is at the core of our values and positioning around transparency, sustainability, and data security. Through this participation, we take pride in bringing together a European ecosystem in collaboration with other public and private stakeholders, in order to create cutting-edge data management solutions and support our continent's innovation and competitiveness." **Says Laurent GIOVACHINI Sopra Steria Deputy CEO**


"The European Commission's decision to award Infratex Consortium and Sopra Steria such an important and significant contract is a strong endorsement of our capability and expertise in the areas of Data and Cloud. By our active participation in Simpl, we are supporting the Commission's key objective to create common European Dataspaces. We are proud to be a part of this journey", **says Michel LORGERE, Sopra Steria Benelux CEO.**



InfrateX Consortium




EU Health Data Space Infrastructure for secondary use of health data




EU Data Space on Public Procurement

Partners of the Consortium are already involved in a wide array of Data Spaces projects



Data Space Support organisations InfrateX is involved in



About Sopra Steria

Sopra Steria, major Tech player in Europe recognised for its consulting, digital services and software development, helps its clients drive their digital transformation and obtain tangible and sustainable benefits. It provides end-to-end solutions to make large companies and organisations more competitive by combining in-depth knowledge of a wide range of business sectors and innovative technologies with a fully collaborative approach. Sopra Steria places people at the heart of everything it does and is committed to putting digital to work for its clients in order to build a positive future for all. With almost 55,000 employees in nearly 30 countries, the Group generated revenue of €5.1 billion in 2022.

The world is how we shape it.

¹ **DG CONNECT of the European Commission develops and implements policies to make Europe fit for the digital age.** It is responsible for EU investment in research, innovation and development of critical digital technologies.