

## **The business model for federated data spaces to facilitate synchromodal logistics**

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# Connecting Data Space, Synchromodality and Physical Internet

| Physical Internet                                                                                                      | Synchromodality                                                                                                     | Data Space                                                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seamless integration</li> <li>Communication protocols</li> </ul>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of various transport modes interchangeably</li> </ul>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Common Vocabulary</li> <li>Secure Exchange</li> </ul>                  |
| Interoperability                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real-time Information Flow</li> <li>Synchronisation Physical-Digital</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dynamic Decision-making</li> <li>Real-time Switching</li> </ul>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Real-time Data Sharing</li> <li>Enhanced Visibility</li> </ul>         |
| Timely and Real-time Data                                                                                              |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Efficient Routing</li> <li>Transport Resource Optimization</li> </ul>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Optimised Transport Modes</li> <li>Environmental Impact Reduction</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data-driven Optimization</li> </ul>                                    |
| Efficiency and Sustainability                                                                                          |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                               |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standard Data Formats</li> <li>Common Guidelines</li> </ul>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multi-modal Integration</li> </ul>                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardized Data Handling</li> <li>Data-Sharing Protocols.</li> </ul> |
| Standardization                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                               |

# Data Space: What is a Data Space?

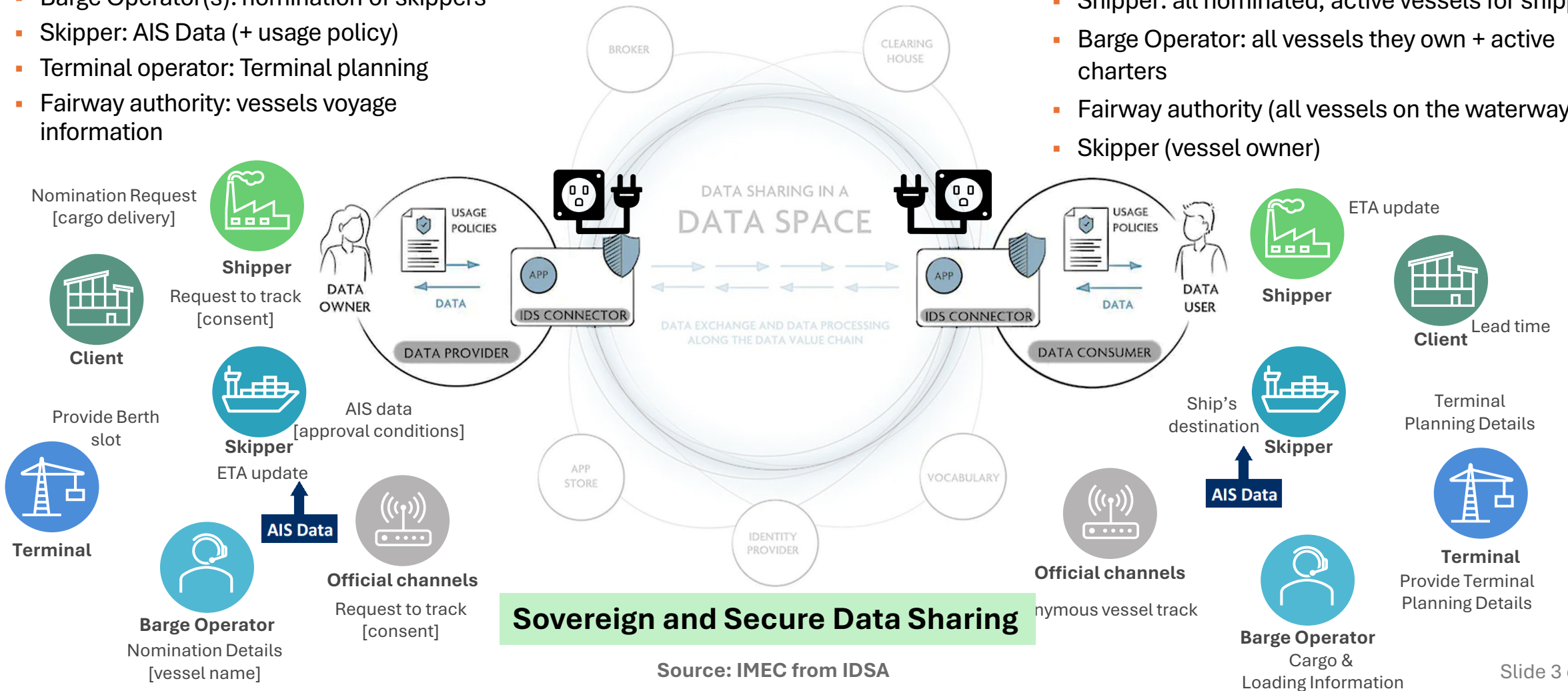
Federated data space is a network of multiple platforms and a peer-to-peer solution utilized by the involved parties.

## Data Owners:

- Barge Operator(s): nomination of skippers
- Skipper: AIS Data (+ usage policy)
- Terminal operator: Terminal planning
- Fairway authority: vessels voyage information

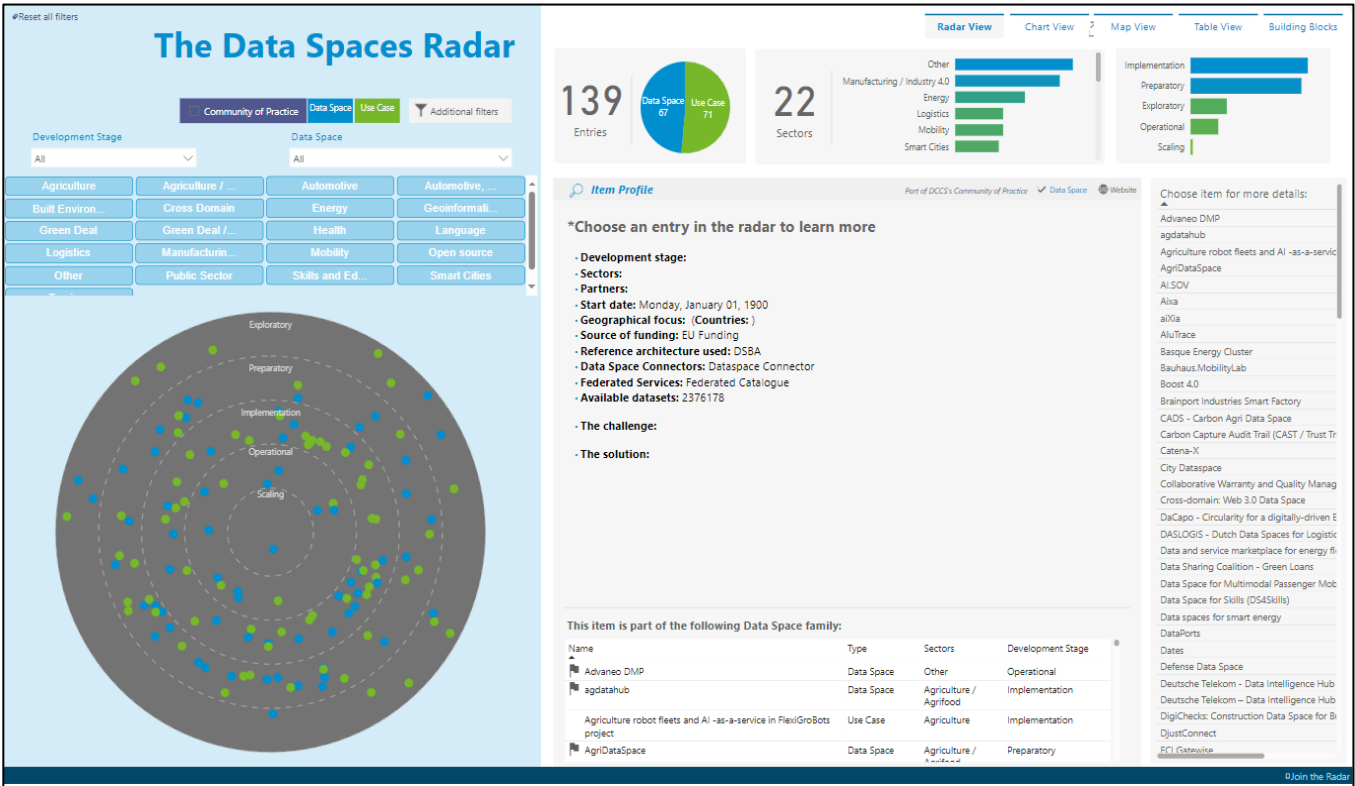
## Data consumers:

- Shipper: all nominated, active vessels for shipper
- Barge Operator: all vessels they own + active charters
- Fairway authority (all vessels on the waterways)
- Skipper (vessel owner)

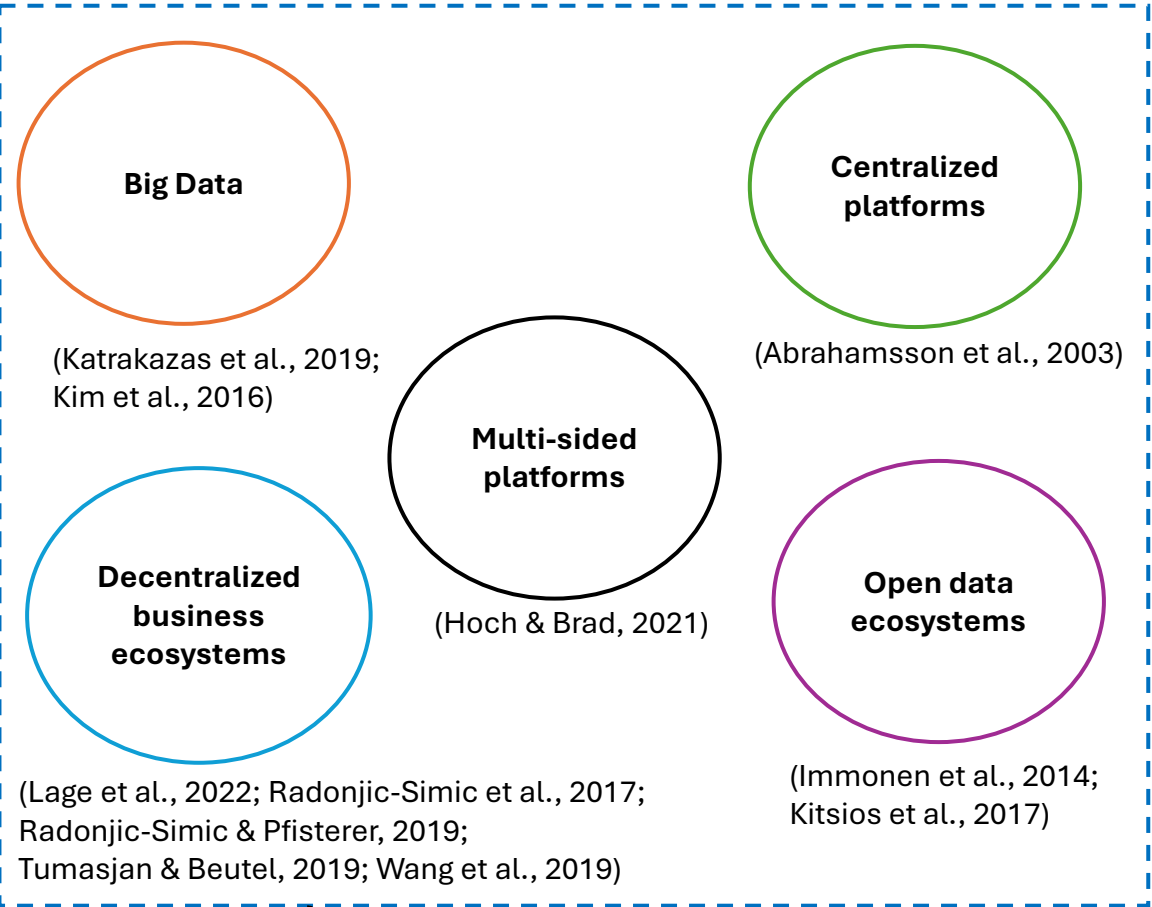


# What did we do?

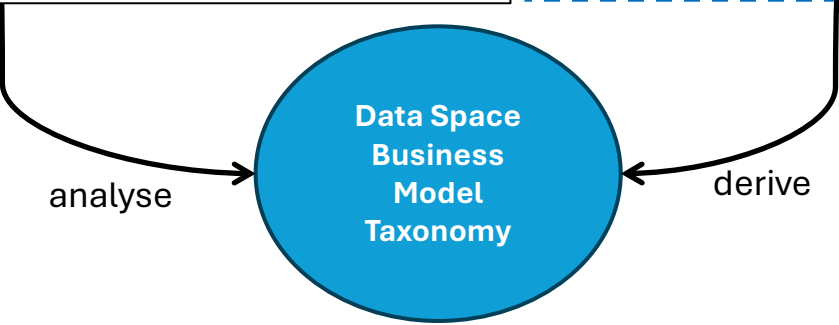
## 1. Data Space radar



## 2. Literature on Business Models

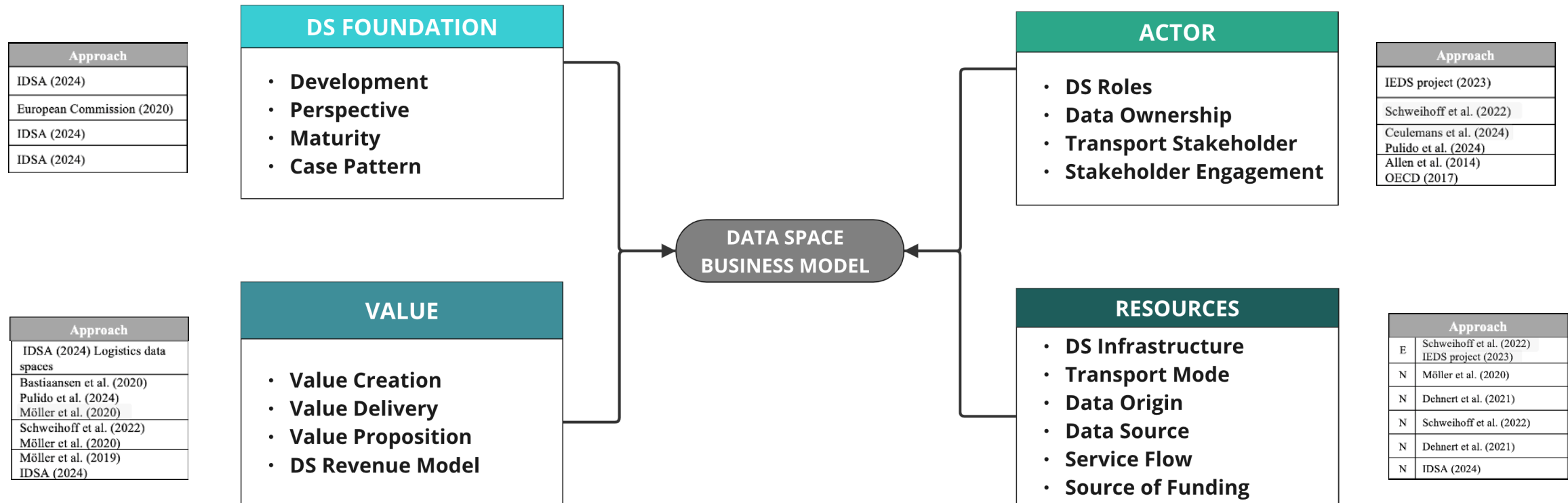


Source: <https://www.dataspaces-radar.org/>



# What we developed: Taxonomy

- We developed a taxonomy following Nickerson et al. (2013).
- Identified various components and characteristics to describe business models for data spaces in the freight transport sector based on a Systematic Literature Review and Data Space applications



# Development of the Taxonomy

|               | Dimension              | Characteristics              |                     |                              |                                   |                                 |                          |                                   |                              | E/N | Approach                                                                  |                                                 |
|---------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| DS Foundation | Development            | Data space                   |                     |                              |                                   | Use Case                        |                          |                                   |                              | E   | IDSA (2024)                                                               |                                                 |
|               | Perspective            | Private                      |                     | Public                       |                                   |                                 | Mixed                    |                                   |                              | N   | European Commission (2020)                                                |                                                 |
|               | Maturity               | Exploratory                  | Preparatory         |                              | Implementation                    |                                 | Operational              |                                   | Scaling                      |     | E                                                                         | IDSA (2024)                                     |
|               | Case Pattern           | Shared Cost                  |                     | Joint Innovation             |                                   | Shared Marketplace              |                          | Grater Community Good             |                              |     | N                                                                         | IDSA (2024)                                     |
| Actor         | DS Roles               | Service Provider             | Data Trustee        | Data-infrastructure provider | App-Store Provider                | Data Provider                   | Data Consumer            | Ecosystem Orchestrator            | Marketplace Operator         | N   | IEDS project (2023)                                                       |                                                 |
|               | Data Ownership         | Own Data                     |                     |                              | Derived data, ownership uncertain |                                 |                          | Data owned by another entity      |                              |     | E                                                                         | Schweihoff et al. (2022)                        |
|               | Transport Stakeholder  | Shipper                      | Carrier             | Infrastructure Management    | LSP                               | Authority                       | Terminal Operator        | Orchestrator                      | Software and Technology      | N   | Ceulemans et al. (2024)<br>Pulido et al. (2024)                           |                                                 |
|               | Stakeholder engagement | Data Sharing Agreements      |                     |                              | Partnership Models                |                                 | Consortiums              |                                   | Independent Operations       |     | N                                                                         | Allen et al. (2014)<br>OECD (2017)              |
| Value         | Value Creation         | Data Sovereignty             | Secure Data Sharing | SC. Efficiency               | SC. Responsiveness                | SC. Visibility                  | Sustainability Goals     | Collaboration and Networking      | Digital Automation           | N   | IDSA (2024) Logistics data spaces                                         |                                                 |
|               | Value Delivery         | Provider & consumer matching |                     | Shared Digital Twins         | Process Optimization              | (Big) Data analytics/enrichment |                          | Real-time visibility              | (Smart) Contracts management | N   | Bastiaansen et al. (2020)<br>Pulido et al. (2024)<br>Möller et al. (2020) |                                                 |
|               | Value Proposition      | Selling data-based services  |                     | Optimization Services        | Selling data                      | Selling analysis                | Data-driven improvements | Data-enriched products & services | Data-driven services         | N   | Schweihoff et al. (2022)<br>Möller et al. (2020)                          |                                                 |
|               | DS Revenue Model       | Fees                         |                     | Pay-per-Use                  | Licensing                         | Commission                      |                          | Subscription plan                 | Customized                   |     | N                                                                         | Möller et al. (2019)<br>IDSA (2024)             |
| Resources     | DS Infrastructure      | Data Ecosystem               |                     |                              | Marketplace                       |                                 |                          | Hybrid                            |                              |     | E                                                                         | Schweihoff et al. (2022)<br>IEDS project (2023) |
|               | Transport Mode         | Truck                        |                     | Rail                         |                                   |                                 | Ship/IWT                 |                                   | Air                          |     | N                                                                         | Möller et al. (2020)                            |
|               | Data Origin            | Internal                     |                     |                              |                                   | External                        |                          |                                   |                              |     | N                                                                         | Dehnert et al. (2021)                           |
|               | Data Source            | Self-generated data          |                     | Existing data                | Restricted data                   | Freely available                |                          | Provided by customer              | Acquired data                |     | N                                                                         | Schweihoff et al. (2022)                        |
|               | Service Flow           | Manually driven              |                     | Predefined time steps        |                                   |                                 | Event driven             |                                   | Data stream                  |     | N                                                                         | Dehnert et al. (2021)                           |
|               | Source of Funding      | EU                           |                     | Government                   |                                   |                                 | Private                  |                                   | Other                        |     | N                                                                         | IDSA (2024)                                     |

E: Exclusive Dimension, N: Non-Exclusive Dimension

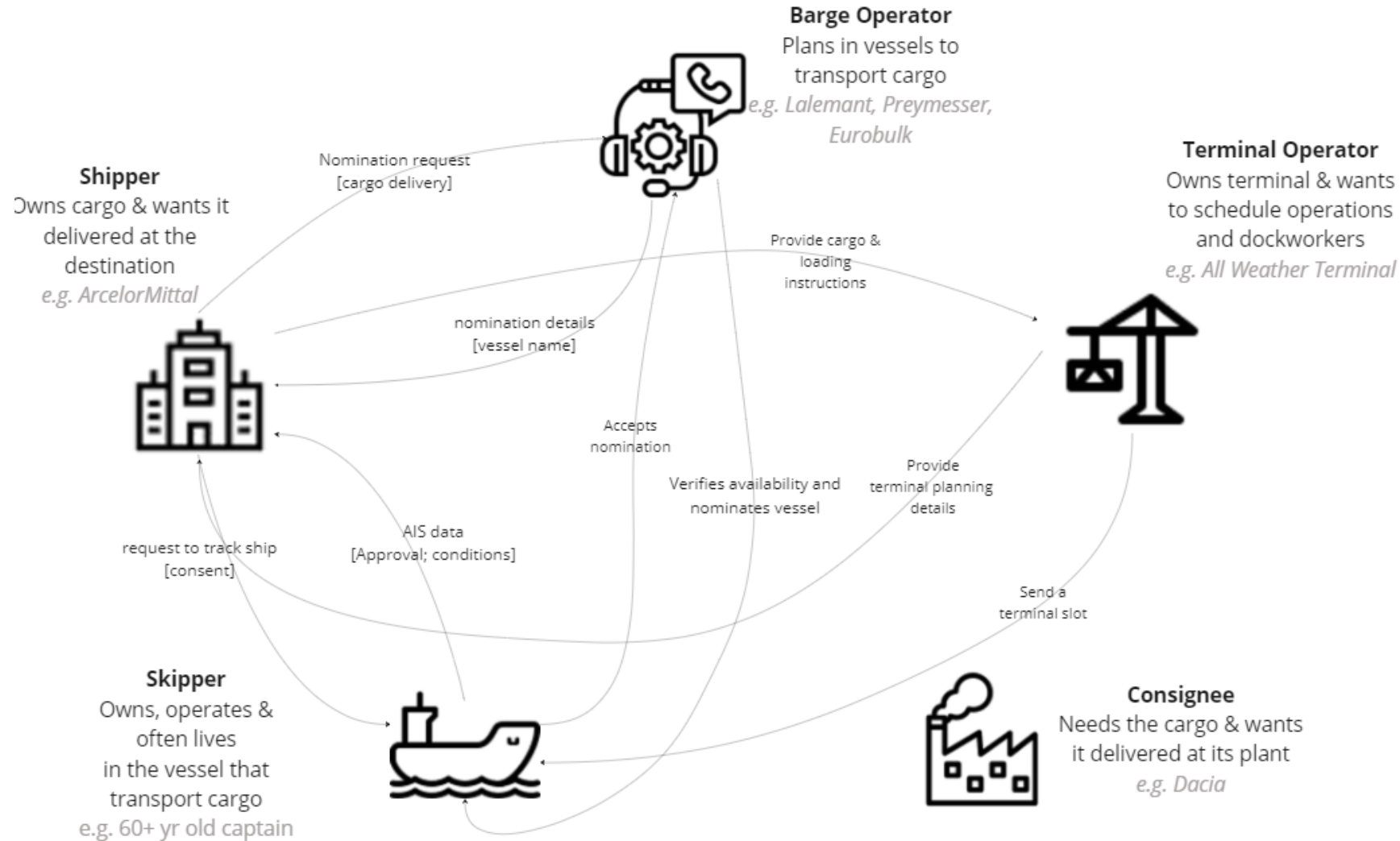
- Project recap - Milestones.

## **Applying the state-of-the-art on data spaces to the context of logistics sychromodal planning...**

- To setup a successful real life experiment in a LivingLab with a working demonstrator
- To Share data within the logistics supply chain in a trustworthy & value added way
- Enabling a realtime 'sychromodal' application

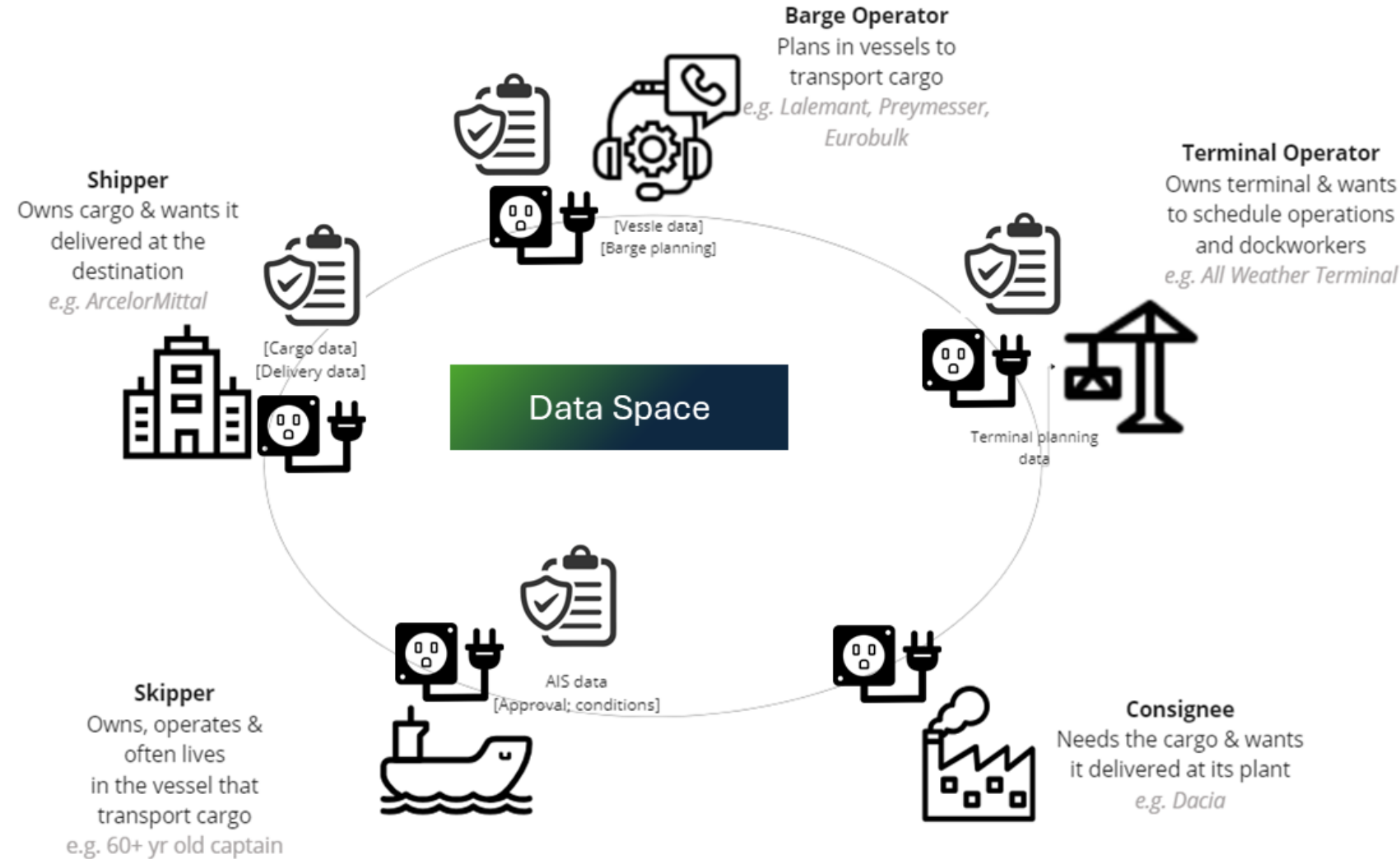
# SYTADEL Use Case

## COLLABORATIVE PLANNING ECOSYSTEM: information exchange



# SYTADEL Use Case

COLLABORATIVE PLANNING ECOSYSTEM: information exchange with Data Space



## Use Case

### Version 1

**Vessel location data** sharing within the ArcelorMittal ecosystem

### Version 2

**Proactive asset monitoring** (vessel / in-transit inventory) within the ArcelorMittal ecosystem

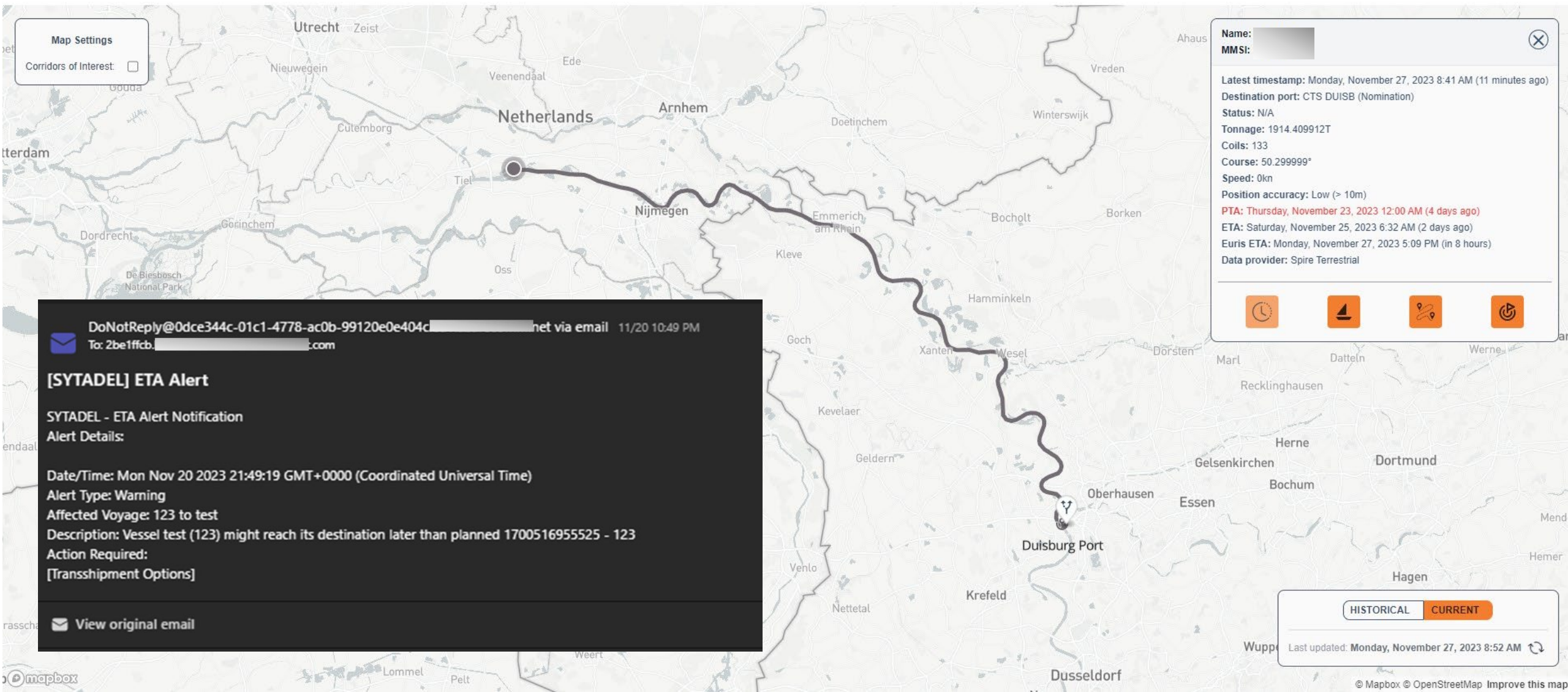
### Version 3

**Synchromodal rerouting** in case of disruption in OR outside the ArcelorMittal ecosystem

# The Setup in Practice (Version 2)

Sytadel

ArcelorMittal



# Application & Results

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1 IMEC

2 Arcelor  
Mittal3 Lalemant,  
Preymesser  
Eurobulk1 Data Space  
Developer

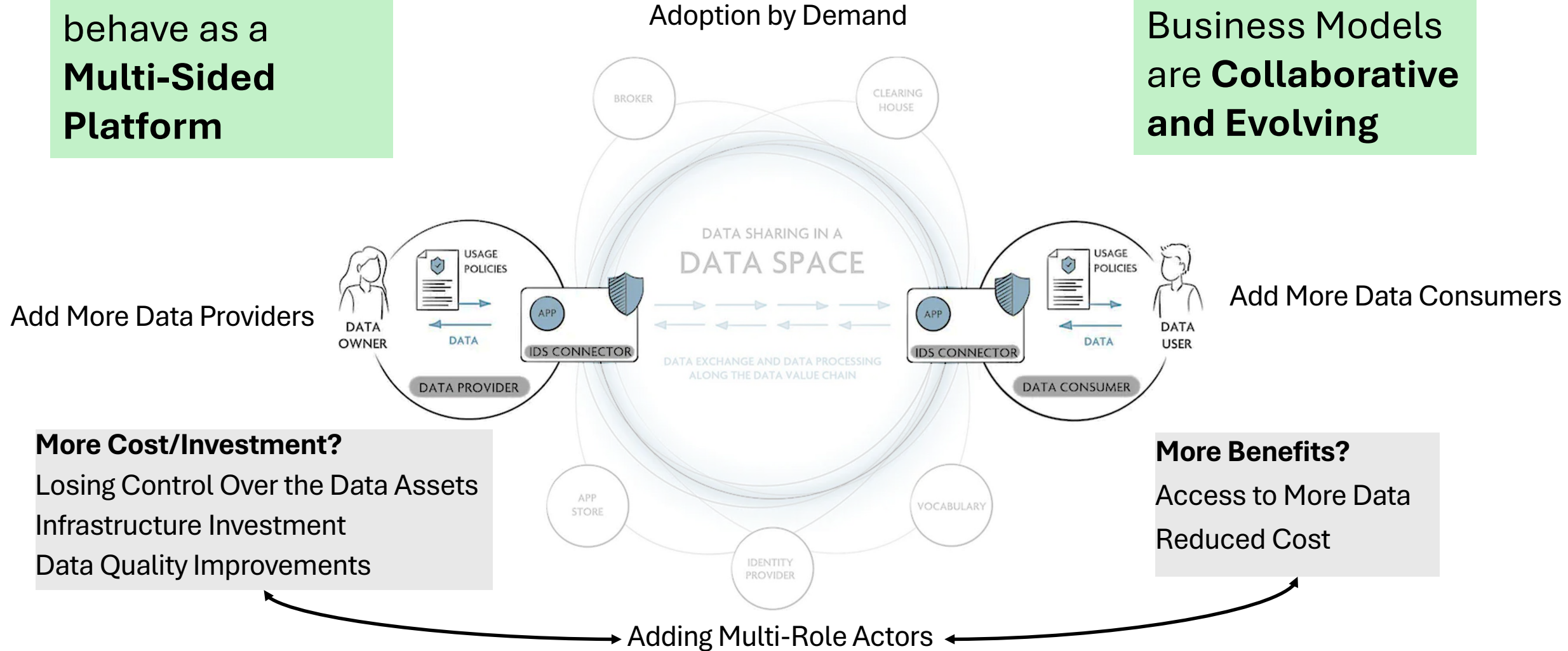
2 Shipper

3 Barge  
Operator

# Conclusion

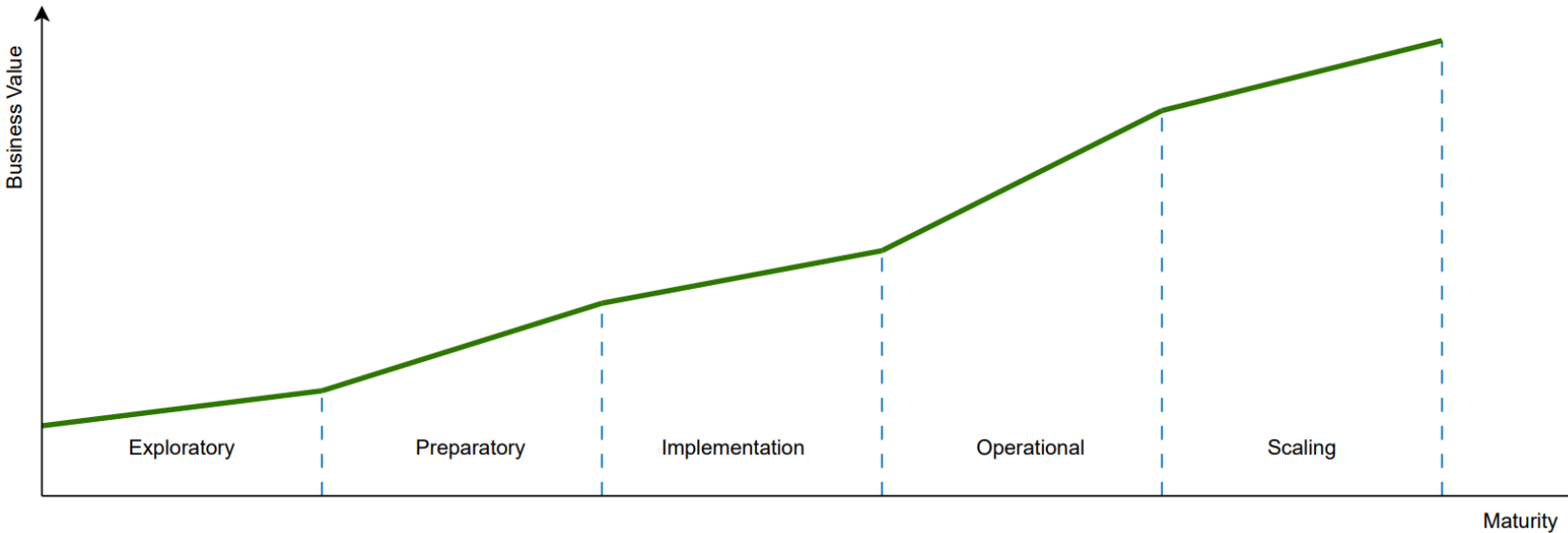
Data Space  
behave as a  
**Multi-Sided  
Platform**

Data Space  
Business Models  
are **Collaborative  
and Evolving**

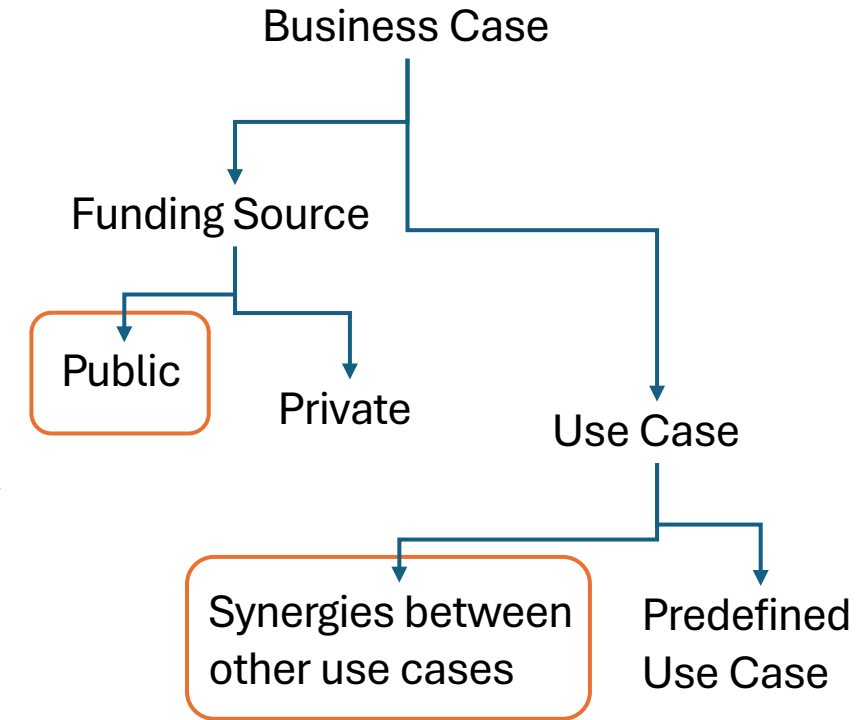


# Conclusion

## Where to Start?



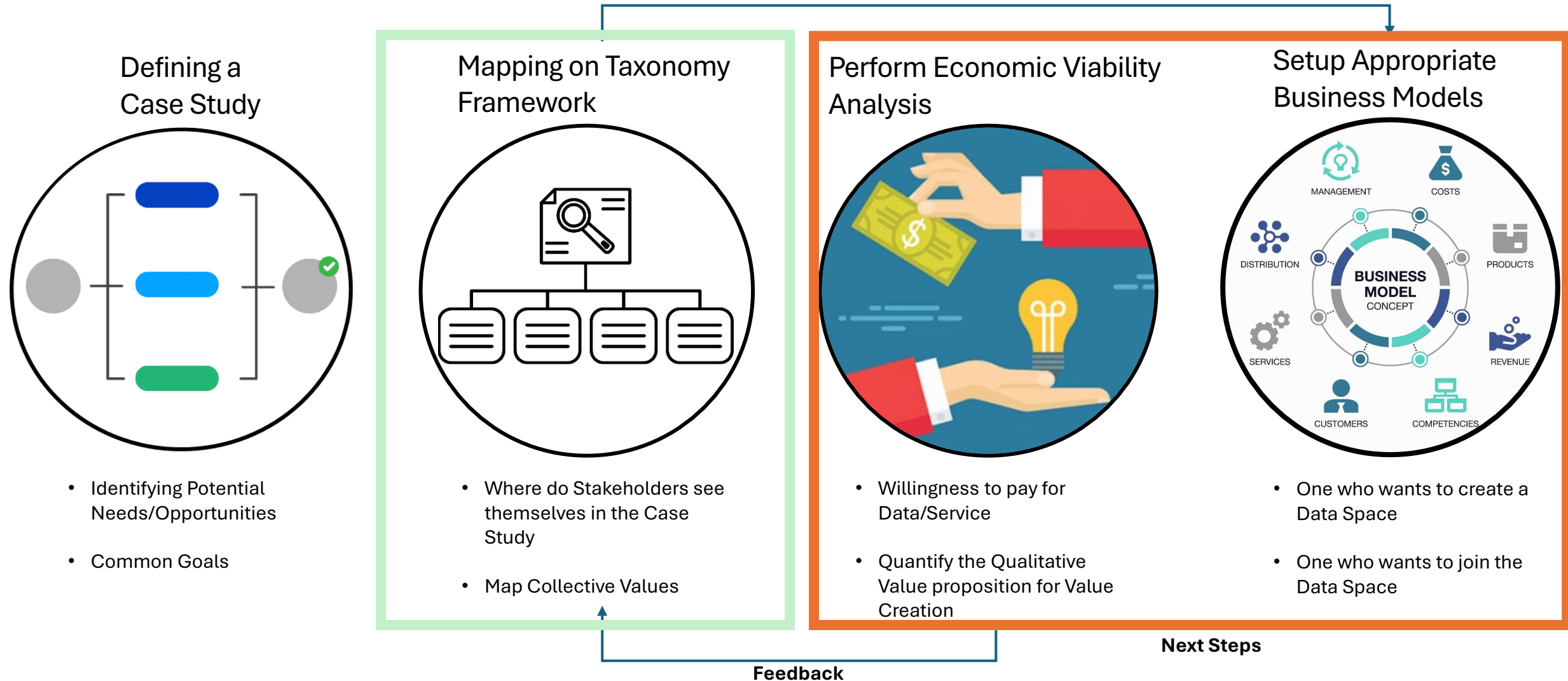
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EdgeDS</li> <li>• GATE Urban</li> <li>• H2 Metaverse</li> <li>• Potato-X</li> <li>• PwC Data Ecosystem</li> <li>• Software Dataspace</li> <li>• Vehicle Charging</li> <li>• Green Data Hub</li> <li>• Manufacturing DS</li> <li>• Skills Data Space</li> <li>• MDS</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AgriDataSpace</li> <li>• aiXa</li> <li>• Basque Energy Cluster</li> <li>• Data Cellar</li> <li>• Data Space 4.0</li> <li>• Eddie</li> <li>• ENERSHARE</li> <li>• FAIR Data Spaces</li> <li>• IDEAL,</li> <li>• HEALTH-X</li> <li>• dataLOFT</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• energy data-X</li> <li>• FutureForest</li> <li>• Gaia-X4KI</li> <li>• GDI</li> <li>• iGreenPort</li> <li>• INESData Incubator</li> <li>• Maritime Data Space</li> <li>• O-Cloud</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advaneo DMP</li> <li>• Catena-X</li> <li>• Huawei Data Space</li> <li>• Mobilithetk</li> <li>• SCSN</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Global Data Service Organisation</li> </ul> |
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**Public or government funding** is a prudent choice for initiating collaboration among stakeholders to develop a Data Space **Technical Setup and Data Collaboration**, which can later be commercialised.

# Conclusion

## Proposed Execution Plan/Roadmap



Thank you

Questions

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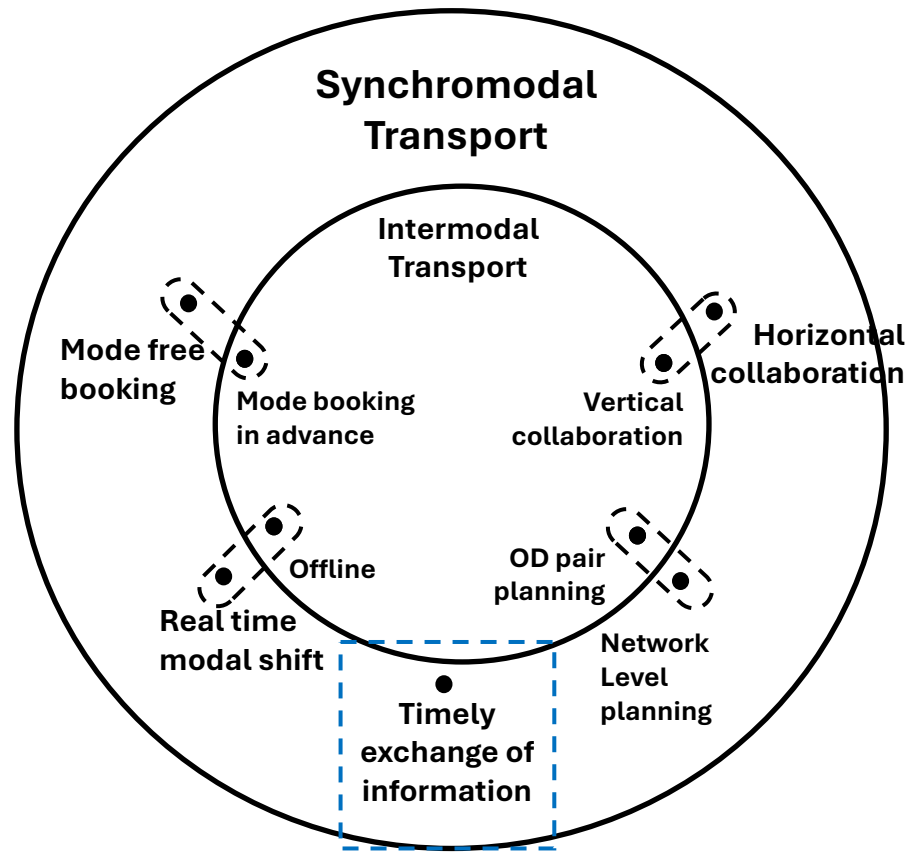
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## Back-Up Slides



# Transition from Intermodal to Synchromodal Transport

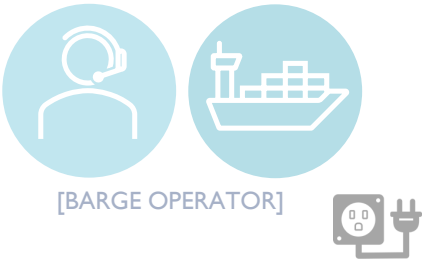


Adapted from: Guo et al. (2017)

- **Moving resources:** data from GPS, AIS, vehicle capacity, ETA.
- **Stationary Resources:** Terminal availability, railways, waterway (levels).
- **Shipper:** Delivery time, inventory, cargo specifics.

| Business Rationale  | Business Case                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Examples                         |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Cost Sharing        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data space participants share their data to meet shared requirements (e.g., compliance, process efficiency, transparency).</li> <li>Every member saves money and time by sharing the burden.</li> </ul>                    | Catena-X;<br>SCSN                |
| Joint Innovation    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A customer innovation can only be realized by ecosystem members working together.</li> <li>No single ecosystem member has all the necessary data.</li> </ul>                                                               | Eona-X;<br>Mobility Data Space   |
| Combined Forces     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ecosystem members team up to prevent monopolies from emerging.</li> <li>No single ecosystem member has the necessary resources and commitment to do this alone.</li> </ul>                                                 | EUProGigant                      |
| Shared Marketplace  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ecosystem members team up to provide quality-assured, easy access to data of a domain of common interest (open data, business partner data etc.).</li> <li>Transaction costs go down for all ecosystem members.</li> </ul> | Catena-X;<br>Mobility Data Space |
| Greater Common Good | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public and private sector share data for a greater common, societal goal (e.g., climate protection).</li> </ul>                                                                                                            | Mobility Data Space              |

# Automated Usage Policy

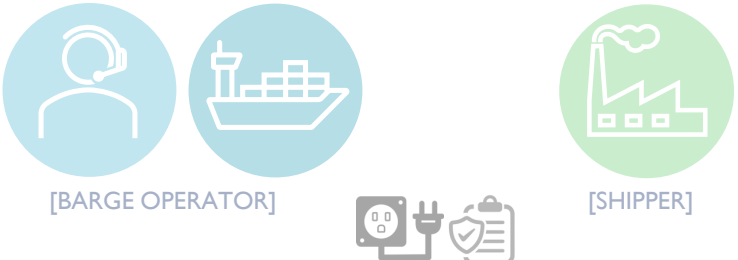


[BARGE OPERATOR]

- Registry of offered resource  
[AIS DATA]
- Registry of policy for usage control  
[ONLY AFTER NOMINATION]
- Registry of contract offer for data consumers  
[AIS DATA FOR SHIPPERS]

## INITIATION

I have this resource to offer,  
under these conditions



[BARGE OPERATOR]

[SHIPPER]

- Get consumer CB details  
[CB ENDPOINT & TOKEN]
- Check contract agreement  
[TECHNICAL GUID]

## VERIFICATION

I want your resource,  
let's agree to share it!



[BARGE OPERATOR]

[SHIPPER]

- Initiate batch upload in proxy
- Initiate subscription in proxy

- Receive data
- Front end app



## TRANSFER

Let the data flow  
(off-band NGSI-LD data plane)