

## Atos co-founds GAIA-X to build a secure and transparent European data and cloud framework

**Paris, 4 June 2020** – [Atos](#), a global leader in digital transformation, is proud to announce its role as a founding member of the [GAIA-X](#) Foundation, a non-profit organization that is being setup to create the next generation of data platforms for Europe, its member states, companies and citizens.

The GAIA-X Foundation, formed by 22 organizations (digital leaders, industrials, academia and associations) including Atos, underlines a joint commitment to a transparent European process, openness and broad participation. It will build on the existing work initiated by the French and German governments and supported by more than 300 businesses. The GAIA-X project enters a new stage of its development and sets an important milestone toward the European Union's ambition to consolidate its leadership in the global data economy.

The creation of digital ecosystems requires building trust and interoperability across all cloud users and providers. GAIA-X will address this challenge through a common set of policies, an "Architecture of Standards" and a set of "Federation Services" which bring together existing Cloud providers and their services and in which data and applications can be handled in a way that ensures full control. It will enable organizations from all sizes and across all sectors to benefit from hyperscaler offerings in Europe while respecting a set of essential policies.

Involved in the development of Cloud since its inception, Atos brings its proven expertise of and experience in Cloud Computing, supported by its comprehensive portfolio and strategic partnerships with leading Cloud service providers and deep understanding of customer needs.

**Elie Girard, CEO of Atos**, explains: *"Europe's digital leadership in the data economy requires flexible and secure Cloud capabilities. By facilitating infrastructure, application and data portability, GAIA-X will enable European businesses and public administrations to share their decentralized data in a reliable*

*and secure way, boosting Cloud adoption and the creation of value-added ecosystems. This will strengthen Europe's competitiveness because the approach is unprecedented, driven by industrials, collaborative with hyperscalers, and aims at defining a reasonable set of policies and standards consistent with European values and aspirations".*

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#### **About Atos**

Atos is a global leader in digital transformation with 110,000 employees in 73 countries and annual revenue of € 12 billion. European number one in Cloud, Cybersecurity and High-Performance Computing, the Group provides end-to-end Orchestrated Hybrid Cloud, Big Data, Business Applications and Digital Workplace solutions. The Group is the Worldwide Information Technology Partner for the Olympic & Paralympic Games and operates under the brands Atos, Atos|Syntel, and Unify. Atos is a SE (Societas Europaea), listed on the CAC40 Paris stock index.

The purpose of Atos is to help design the future of the information space. Its expertise and services support the development of knowledge, education and research in a multicultural approach and contribute to the development of scientific and technological excellence. Across the world, the Group enables its customers and employees, and members of societies at large to live, work and develop sustainably, in a safe and secure information space.

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