Our vision for Gaia-X:

An open and pioneering European cloud network

"It is time for Gaia-X to move to the next level, from a promising Franco-German initiative to a truly pioneering European project. I am convinced it has the potential to greatly benefit Europe's data economy and to promote jobs, innovation and economic growth."

Cecilia Bonefeld-Dahl, Director-General, DIGITALEUROPE

What should the goals of Gaia-X be?

1 Gaia-X is uniquely positioned to create a sandboxing environment where companies can test very concrete business use cases.

2 Once the business cases are proven successful, relevant Gaia-X projects must be backed with investment from the national recovery plans and EU budget.

3 Gaia-X should facilitate the creation of common European data spaces that are interoperable across borders and sectors, and based on transparent rules.

How can Gaia-X achieve these goals?

Gaia-X must collaborate with other European cloud initiatives and avoid duplication. It should also set up a robust network of national hubs, to leverage existing initiatives in each country and encourage regional and cross-border data sharing.

The Board of Directors and other key governance bodies should be balanced and diverse, ensuring gender equality and geographical representation.

Gaia-X should focus on selected actions and deliverables that can be launched in 2022-2023. Too many workstreams may affect its short-term impact and long-term viability.

Gaia-X must represent Europe's economy in all its diversity – including businesses of all sizes, geographies and sectors –, be open to the best technologies from all over the world, and transparent in its rules and governance.