

# Nordic Digital Innovation Ecosystem Event Series

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## Why is Europe investing €3.3 billion in Data Space Infrastructure?

We are paying rising prices to big tech companies for digital infrastructure, but we are increasingly vulnerable to vendor lock-in, privacy breaches, and cybercrime.

Cybercrime is growing rapidly and could reach \$10.5 trillion in 2025, comparable to the world's 3rd largest economy after the U.S. and China. Norway is an advanced digital society, but we lack common standards and technologies that would enable stronger cybersecurity and fair value creation from data.

A Data Space consists of privacy-enhancing technologies and common standards, which gives individuals, organizations, and municipalities control of their data and the ability to securely share data and digital infrastructure.

Data Spaces are already being piloted in the EU and coming to Norway. A Nordic Digital Innovation Ecosystem is being formed to participate in Data Space projects in critical sectors in collaboration with Digdir, KS, IFE, SINTEF, NR, NTNU, BI, RISE, Fiware, Gaia-X, and several other public and private sector partners in the network.



**Join us on August 28th for a 1-hour webinar** to learn more about Data Spaces, meet key stakeholders and find out how your organization can shape the future of digital industry in the Nordics and Europe.

**Join us on 4th of September in Hamar for a workshop, or 1-hour online info session** to learn how you can participate in a Data Space project in collaboration with industry and public sector partners in the Nordic Digital Ecosystem (open to expressions of interest).

Event agendas are enclosed on page 2.

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Stay tuned for more related *Nordic Digital Ecosystem* events in autumn and winter.

## AGENDA FOR AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup> WEBINAR:

- 13:00 Introductions
- 13:05-13:15 **What is a data space and why is Europe investing €3.3 billion in data space infrastructure?**
- 13:15-13:50 **Status of data spaces and use cases in Norway and Europe:** Agriculture, Energy, Health, Green Deal, Finance, Manufacturing, Mobility, Tourism, and Smart Communities.
- 13:50-13:55 **Opportunity to pilot a secure data space for smart communities in Norway.**
- 13:55-14:00 **What's in it for you and how can you shape digital industry in the Nordics?**
- 14:00-14:30 **Optional: Q&A and networking**

### Data Spaces are coming to Norway!

#### Save time and money

- Access to shared digital infrastructure and technologies.
- Trustworthy AI and human-centric virtual assistants for workflow automation.
- Adaptive AI to automate compliance, privacy/GDPR and cybersecurity.
- Resilience: informed choice of suppliers and alternatives.
- Stronger cybersecurity to detect and prevent threats.

#### Income and value creation

- Control and monetize your organizational and personal data.
- Develop digital products for Nordic Data Spaces and the European digital single market.

#### How to get involved?

##### *Join the Nordic Digital Innovation Ecosystem*

- Stay up-to-date on events, latest developments and Nordic initiatives.
- Join publicly funded projects as a participant or partner.
- Expand your digital ecosystem by connecting with “trusted” partners in your target markets and industries.

## AGENDA FOR SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> WORKSHOP IN HAMAR:

- 10:00-10:20 **Overview of project opportunities and digital strategy for Norway.**
- 10:20-10:40 **Establishing a Norwegian Center for Digital Sovereignty (SFI NCDS)**
- 10:40-11:00 **Data Spaces and Local Digital Twins for Smart Communities**
- 11:00-12:00 **Lunch**
- 12:00-14:00 **Breakout sessions for project planning and clarification:**
- Energy, Smart Communities, Environment.
  - Healthcare (AI, Digital Twins, Cybersecurity).
- 14:00-15:00 **Optional:** online informative session for summary and Q&A

### Project Opportunities: Calls in 2024

- Up to kr. 96 mill. for research-driven innovation to develop shared infrastructure and technologies for secure Data Spaces in Norway: [see open call](#).
- Up to kr. 20 mill. for industrial innovation, which can implement a secure data space for sustainable energy: [see open call](#).
- Up to kr. 15 mill. for pilot projects, which can implement a data space for Sustainable Smart Communities in Norway and Spain: [see open call](#).
- Up to kr. 12 mill. for research and development of technologies for digital sovereignty and next-generation computing: [see open call](#).

#### **About the project Nordic Digital Innovation Ecosystems:**

this project is managed by Klosser Innovasjon AS in collaboration with the Institute for Energy Technology (IFE), Smart Innovation Norway, the Norwegian Computing Center (NR), the Norwegian Center for Cybersecurity in Critical Sectors (SFI NORCICS), and VentureNet AS, with financial support from Innlandet fylkeskommune. The project aims to establish a Nordic Innovation Ecosystem where public, private sector and research institutions collaborate to develop trustworthy next-generation digital technologies.