

# Participants training to support onboarding in data spaces

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EIT Manufacturing is a public-private partnership founded in 2019 to strengthen the competitiveness of Europe's manufacturing sector. As part of its digital transformation mission, EIT Manufacturing supports industrial stakeholders in adopting Gaia-X-compliant data-sharing concepts, including previous participation in the Gaia-X lighthouse initiative "EuProGigant."

Data sharing has become essential for global competitiveness in a digitalised manufacturing environment, enabling higher productivity, improved quality and greater innovation across value chains. Effective data cooperation requires both managers and employees to understand the economic advantages and incentives associated with sharing and using data. Education and training therefore play a central role in developing the necessary skills, raising awareness, and fostering collaboration across companies and borders. To encourage especially small and medium-sized manufacturers to join emerging data-sharing ecosystems, EIT Manufacturing East is involved in the newly-launched ERASMUS+ funded project "VET4DATACOOPERATION."

This project focuses on creating innovative, interactive training resources that prepare participants to engage confidently and responsibly with digital tools. Real-world scenarios, practical cross-company use cases, and tailored workshops help translate abstract data-sharing concepts into concrete operational benefits. By developing high-quality training content and distributing learning modules through established platforms, the project also boosts digital readiness by offering accessible, self-paced learning opportunities. These resources help companies to recognise economic potential, overcome adoption barriers and participate more effectively in data-driven collaboration.

Through these efforts, EIT Manufacturing East contributes to a broader ambition: strengthening society's long-term ability to adapt to and thrive in an increasingly digital industrial landscape.

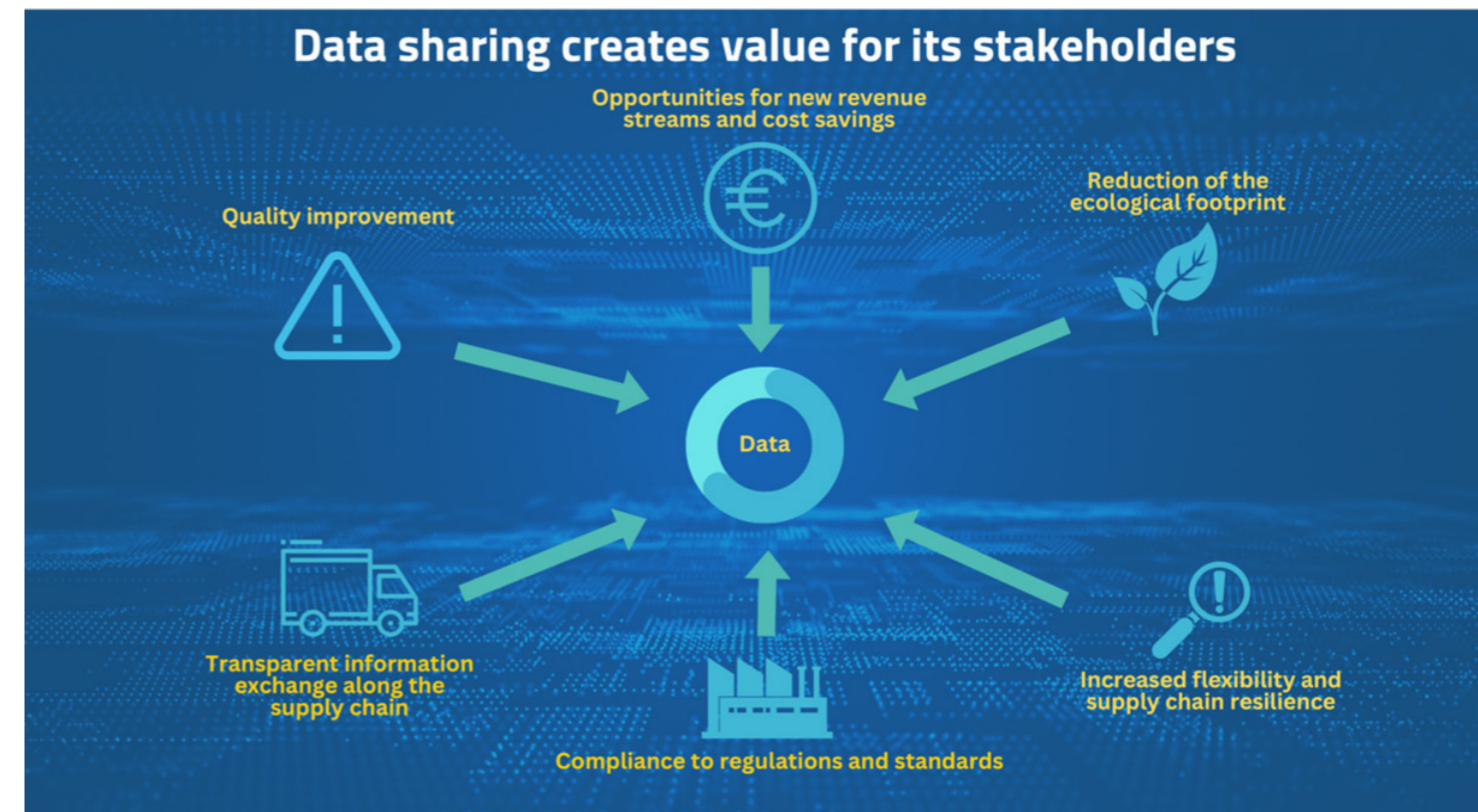


Figure 1: Data sharing creates values for its stakeholders; Source: EIT Manufacturing East GmbH©



Figure 2: Data sharing success factors; Source: EIT Manufacturing East GmbH©



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