



Introduction to BioDT

Objectives, Scope and Expected Results

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BioDT will be used to:

- Better observe spatiotemporal changes in biodiversity
- Improve our understanding of mechanisms underpinning these changes
- Push limits of predictive biodiversity modelling

BioDT will provide infrastructure to:

- Drive long-term biodiversity research
- Help maintain commitments to protect biodiversity
- Safeguard societal resilience in the face of global change

EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030

E.g. reversing pollinator decline

Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

December 2022: historic package of measures for addressing biodiversity loss

UN Sustainable Development Goals

Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-being,
Climate Action, Life on Land

European Green Deal

Climate change resilience

European Strategy for Data

Contributing to a single European market for data

Objective 1: Build and deploy pre-operational BioDT platform

- Platform established on **LUMI**
- Prototype DTs focusing on four Use Case groups
- Model development and validation
- Platform generalised to serve user needs beyond consortium

Species response to environmental change



- Biodiversity dynamics
- Ecosystem services

Genetically detected biodiversity



- Crop wild relatives and genetic resources for food security
- DNA detected biodiversity, poorly known habitats

Dynamics and threats from and for species of policy concern



- Invasive species
- Endangered species

Species interactions with each other and with humans



- Disease outbreaks
- Pollinators

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Outcome	Description
1	Prototype platform available <i>as service</i>
2	Several case studies
3	Improved model predictive performance
4	Increased model accuracy and precision

Objective 2: Integration with biodiversity RI platforms and workflows

- Interfaces, user authentication and access
- Interoperability: data, software, practices
- Uptake, new user communities, training

GBIF



The Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) is an international network and data infrastructure providing open access to biodiversity data.

LifeWatch ERIC



LifeWatch ERIC is the e-Science European infrastructure for biodiversity & ecosystem research.

eLTER



The Integrated European Long-Term Ecosystem (eLTER) focuses on critical zone and socio-ecological research.

DiSSCo



The Distributed System of Scientific Collections (DiSSCo) is a Research Infrastructure (RI) for Natural Science Collections.

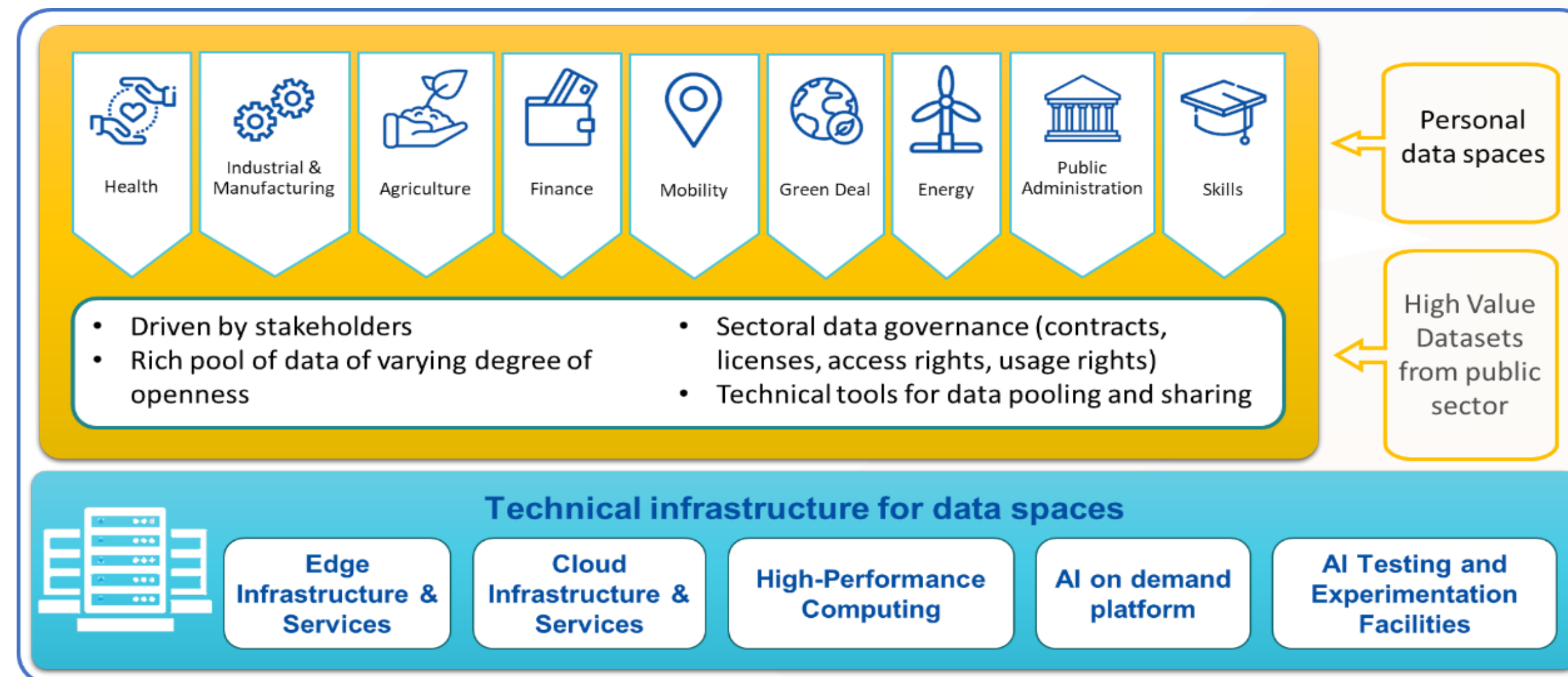
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1	APIs for feeding data to/from BioDT platform
2	FAIR datasets using cross-RI standards and FDOs
3	Quality indicators (e.g. FAIRness)
4	Training materials and interoperability workshops

Objective 3: Interoperability with DestinE and European DT initiatives

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Outcome	Description
1	Ingestion of DestinE data by BioDT
2	Provision of agglomerated, analysis-ready data by BioDT
3	Shared service catalogue, DTs available to EOSC users
4	Leveraging ELIXIR infrastructure (e.g. Tools Platform)

Target groups

	<p>Biodiversity RIs, RI nodes, data providers and researchers</p> <p>RIs, universities, research organisations; the end-users that will contribute to developing the DT, enhancing its use cases, and testing its functionalities</p>
	<p>Policy makers</p> <p>EU, Member States, Local governments, intergovernmental organisations (UNESCO, FAO, etc.)</p>
	<p>Industrial actors incl. SMEs</p> <p>Sectors related to biodiversity, such as agri-food, tourism, healthcare.</p>
	<p>Civil society and citizen scientists</p>



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