

Aruba becomes European node of Gaia-X to support companies in complying with federated cloud services

A further milestone in the process towards the 'European cloud': Aruba becomes Day-1 member and helps develop cloud infrastructure for secure data sharing

15th March 2023 – [Aruba S.p.A.](#), Italy's leading provider of data centre, web hosting, email, PEC and domain registration services, today announces its entry into the Gaia-X Digital Clearing House, the network of executive "nodes" that assesses the compliance of companies wishing to become compliant with Gaia-X standards. Aruba will be one of the two European "nodes" of Gaia-X together with the German multinational T-Systems.

Gaia-X was founded with the intention of creating an interoperable and secure cloud, based on compliance with European standards in order to have a free and transparent circulation of data, to avoid the risk of lock-in for companies and at the same time to foster the widest participation and competition among cloud solution providers, with a certification system at compliance level that guarantees the exercise of rights and data protection. It is a project open to all countries that wish to contribute to its growth and join as members: as a goal, it aims to provide European companies with a cloud that has security standards guaranteed by the European institutional system.

The agreement has become official during the Market-X Conference & Expo in Wien, a networking event organised by Gaia-X to raise the awareness of the association's standards and ensure the integration of the Gaia-X community into an ecosystem. Aruba is a "Day-1 member" of Gaia-X and will play a pivotal role in the development of a secure infrastructure for the sharing and accessing of data between organisations, laying the foundations for a cloud offering based on core European values.

The Gaia-X Digital Clearing House constitutes the necessary building blocks to make Gaia-X operational in the market. It will become an external structure composed of geographically distributed and decentralised nodes that can support companies interested in benefitting from Gaia-X's federated digital ecosystem by helping them achieve compliance with its standards.

"Becoming one of Gaia-X's nodes is an essential milestone; the next step in the process that will enable us to deliver compliance component services. We will operate as a distributed and decentralised node, not directly managed by the association, helping anyone who wants to achieve compliance with the Gaia-X standards. Meanwhile our customers will be able to directly access Gaia-X as participants through Aruba's GXDCH node." – commented Fabrizio Garrone, Enterprise Solution Director of Aruba.

More info available on: <https://www.gaia-x.at/en/news/gaia-x-the-digital-clearing-houses>

Aruba S.p.A.

Aruba S.p.A. is Italy's principal cloud provider and the market leader in data center, hosting, trust services, email, PEC certified email and domain registration services, working with individuals, professionals, companies and public

administrations. Founded in 1994, Aruba currently has a total of 16 million users, managing 2.6 million registered domains, 9.4 million email accounts, 8 million PEC certified email accounts and 130,000 managed servers. Since 2014, it has been the official Registrar of the '.cloud' TLD for internet domains worldwide.

Aruba PEC and Actalis are Aruba's two certification authorities, both accredited by the AgID (Agency for Digital Italy), which provide highly qualified services.

In 2021 the company entered the telecommunications market with a range of ultra-broadband Fiber services, provided from a full fiber optic network (FTTH - Fiber To The Home) throughout Italy.

Over the past 20 years, through designing and building its own data centers, Aruba has acquired unrivalled expertise.

Aruba Data Center campuses cover a total area of 300,000m², 110,000m² of which is data center infrastructure: IT1 and IT2 in Arezzo, IT3 in Ponte San Pietro – Bergamo (near Milan) called Global Cloud Data Center and IT4, currently under construction in Rome called Hyper Cloud Data Center. These facilities, compliant with the highest industry standards (Rating 4 ANSI/TIA-942), feature 'green by design' infrastructure, designed to maximize energy-efficiency and minimise environmental impact.

Since 2015, the company fully meets its overall needs with 100% renewable energy and produces additional clean energy through photovoltaic systems, geothermal systems and hydroelectric power plants. Aruba's data center network is now Europe-wide, with a privately-owned data center in the Czech Republic (CZ1) and partner facilities in France, Germany, Poland and the UK. Aruba uses this network to provide public, private, hybrid cloud and colocation services across Italy and in Europe.

The Aruba Group is continually working to improve its business processes, conforming to the highest international standards. Noteworthy certifications include: 'Information Security' (ISO 27001), 'Quality Management' (ISO 9001), 'Environmental Management' (ISO 14001), 'Energy Management' (ISO 50001) and 'Occupational Health and Safety' (ISO 45001).

Aruba.it Racing has been the official Ducati team in the World Superbike Championship since 2015.

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