

Harald A. Summa elected to the Gaia-X Board of Directors

- *Summa one of 24 new Gaia-X AISBL Board Members*
- *DE-CIX as a blueprint for other Internet Exchange operators*

Frankfurt am Main, 15 June 2021. Harald A. Summa, CEO of [DE-CIX](#), the operator of the world's leading Internet Exchange in Frankfurt am Main, was one of 24 people elected to the [Gaia-X](#) AISBL Board during the organization's first general assembly on 7 June. The appointment is for a period of two years. Gaia-X member companies elected the board members and two independent members on the basis of 64 applications – in a virtual format due to the pandemic.

“When I first heard about the idea of Gaia-X, I knew that something great was being created here for Europe – and also beyond Europe's borders. By getting involved in Gaia-X, we at DE-CIX are helping to develop this forward-looking initiative further and provide participating companies with sovereignty and control over their data. I am very pleased about the position on the Board of Directors and the trust being placed in me”, Harald A. Summa, CEO of DE-CIX and Member of the Board of Gaia-X AISBL.

DE-CIX as a blueprint for other Internet Exchange operators

DE-CIX acts as a blueprint within the European cloud infrastructure project Gaia-X for other Internet Exchanges and interconnection providers for how they can provide the necessary interconnection services to realize the innovative vision of distributed data spaces. DE-CIX operates close to 30 carrier and data center-neutral Internet Exchanges worldwide, with a strong focus on Europe, and has long been a global thought leader in enterprise interconnection ecosystems. Gaia-X aims to create digital ecosystems: a secure, interconnected, and federated data infrastructure that meets the highest security and latency requirements – for DE-CIX, this is the vision at the heart of the Gaia-X project.

DE-CIX is currently making, among others, the following contributions to Gaia-X:

- Management of the Working Package Interconnection and Network
- Member of the Technical Steering Committee
- Collaboration in the Working Group Architecture

- Collaboration in the Working Group Provider
- Development of an OpenSource IX-API
- Development and realization of concepts for the establishment of closed user groups

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About DE-CIX

DE-CIX (German Commercial Internet Exchange) is the world's leading operator of Internet Exchanges. In total, at its 28 locations in Europe, North America, the Middle East, and Asia, DE-CIX interconnects over 2,300 network operators (carriers), Internet service providers (ISPs), content providers, and enterprise networks from more than 100 countries, offering peering, cloud, and interconnection services. The combined connected customer capacity of all DE-CIX locations worldwide exceeds 75 Terabits, making it the largest neutral interconnection ecosystem in the world. DE-CIX in Frankfurt, Germany, with a data throughput of more than 10 Terabits per second (Tbps) and over 1,000 connected networks, is one of the largest Internet Exchanges in the world.

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