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## NIIS CEO Ville Sirviö elected to the Gaia-X board of directors

On Monday, 5 June 2023, the Gaia-X Ordinary General Assembly convened, bringing together the association members to vote on critical aspects of the Gaia-X European Association for Data and Cloud AISBL.

Gaia-X represents the next generation of data infrastructure: an open, transparent, and secure digital ecosystem where data and services can be made available, collated, and shared in an environment of trust.

One of the key highlights of the Gaia-X assembly was the election of a new board of directors, highlighting the importance of this event in shaping the future direction of Gaia-X.

Ville Sirviö, the Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions CEO, was elected to the board of directors with 25 other candidates representing the Gaia-X members from all over Europe.

"I'm committed to developing Gaia-X so that there is mutual trust in the project and its role in Europe. Let's make Gaia-X a key enabler for European interoperability, data sharing, and collaboration!" says Sirviö.

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Nordic Institute for Interoperability Solutions (NIIS) is a non-profit association with the mission to ensure the development and strategic management of [X-Road®](#) and other cross-border solutions for digital government infrastructure.

NIIS is both a network and cooperation platform and executioner of IT developments in members' common interests. The institute focuses on practical collaboration, sharing of experience and promoting innovation. The operating model of the institute is something unique in the world.

The republics of Estonia, Finland and Iceland are members of NIIS, and the Faroe Islands and the Government of Åland are partners of NIIS.

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