

Cybersecurity Challenges in Dataspaces

-Trustworthiness and Security for Value Chains -

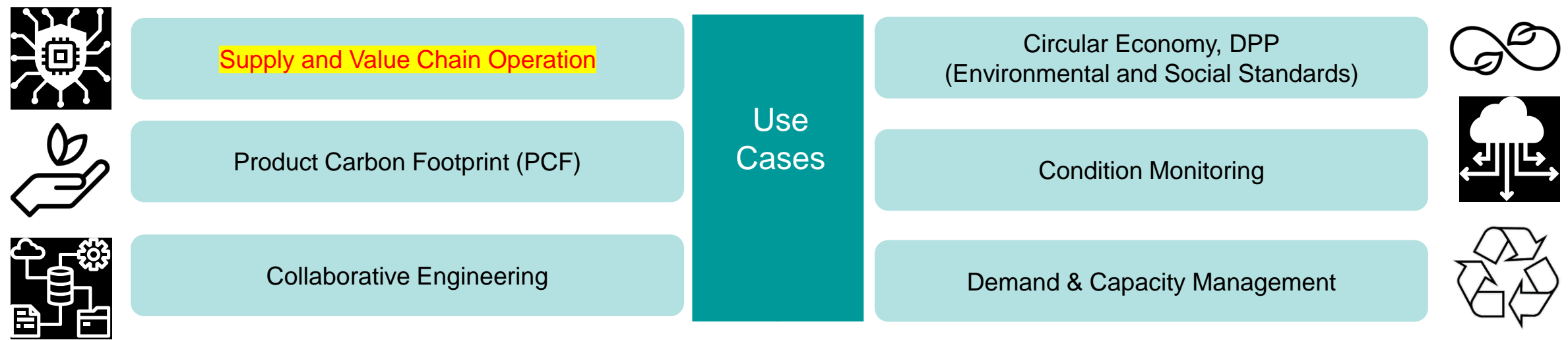
Accomplishing Chain-of-Trust

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Dataspaces support data sharing among organizations

Definition

A dataspace can be defined as a data ecosystem built around commonly agreed building blocks, enabling an effective and trusted sharing of data among participants to create value *

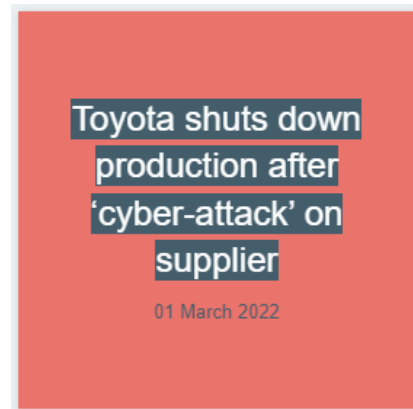
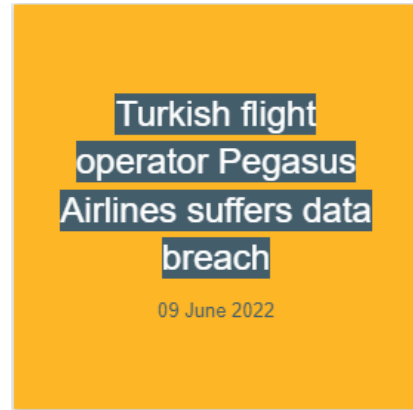


Benefit

Enables cross-organizational and cross-company exchange of data, providing basis for fruitful co-operation and implementing complex data-driven use cases, also allowing data monetization

**Dataspace definition: Guidance on IoT and digital twin integrations in data spaces, ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 41 N2335*

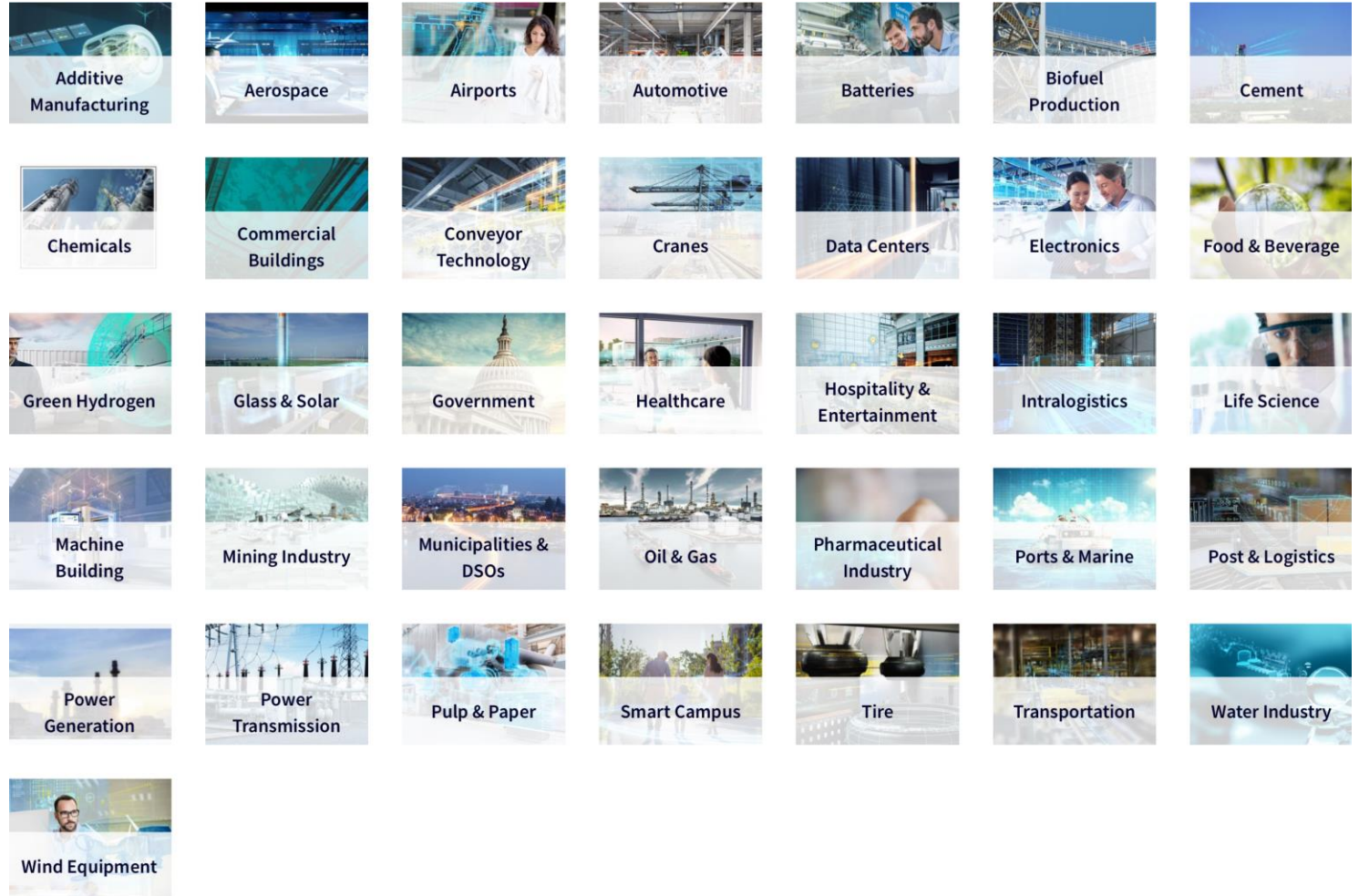
Motivation for supply chain security & trustworthiness is not new...



Examples of supply chains to be supported by trustworthiness architectures

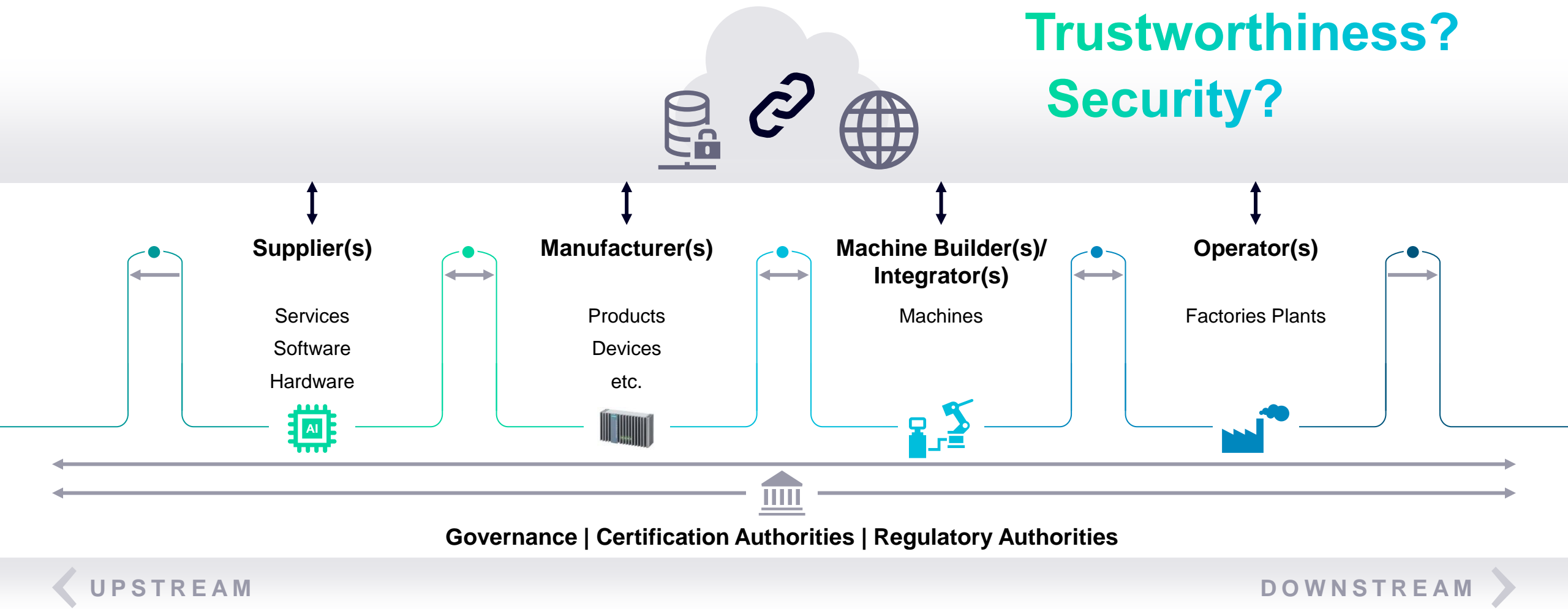
Various/all verticals

- Textiles
- Food and Beverage
- Industrial components, machines
- Automotive
- Air&Space
- ...



Industrial Supply & Value Chain Operation is a typical use case in Data Space

Trustworthiness?
Security?



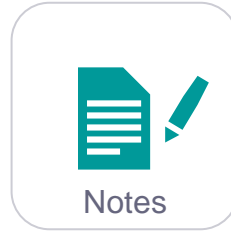
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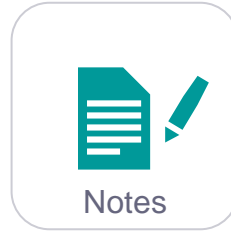
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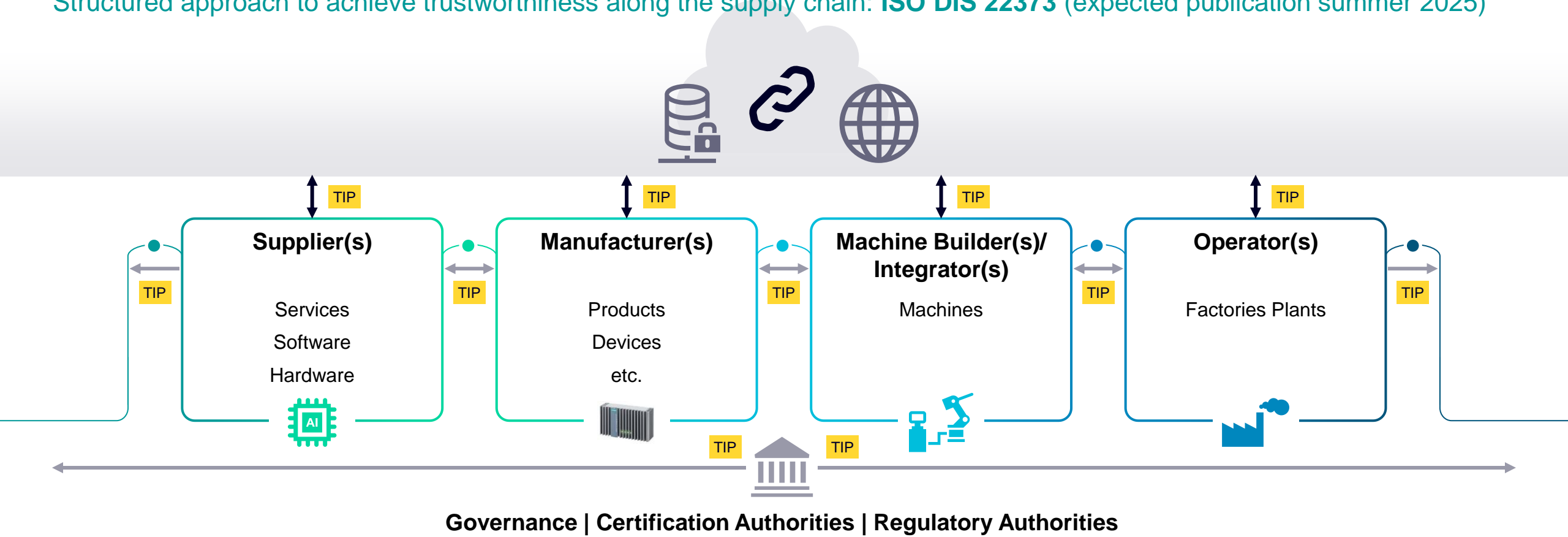
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Trustworthiness architecture

Structured approach to achieve trustworthiness along the supply chain: **ISO DIS 22373** (expected publication summer 2025)



UPSTREAM

DOWNSTREAM

↔ Physical and/or Digital ↔ Digital TIP Trust Interaction Points Trust Domains

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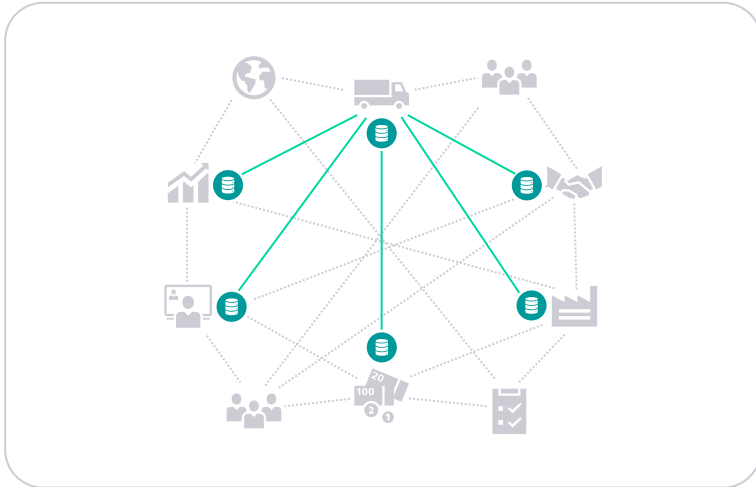
Governance along the Supply/Value Chain Data Space has to ensure:

Depending on the business context or use case, a trustworthiness supporting infrastructure needs to meet different requirements. The following is a non-exhaustive list of some of these requirements:

- **Robustness, availability, and resilience, e.g.: no single point of failure, future proof**
 - Chain of trustworthiness must be adaptable and resilient to any (single) point of failure; flexibility to future requirements (PQC,...)
- **Scalability**
 - Trustworthiness infrastructure must be applicable to the global market and user community.
- **Privacy / confidentiality preserving**
 - The infrastructure must be able to specify and control access to any data to protect the business against attacks.
- **Integrity, authenticity, accountability**
 - The integrity and authenticity of information throughout supply chain must be verifiable to any relevant supply chain stakeholder.
- **Support of different trust levels**
 - Trust levels are not for free and must be founded by the business case that uses them.
Therefore, different industries may want to support different trust levels.
- **Easy to use, easy to join, and easy to leave**
 - Participants should be able to use/join the chain of trustworthiness environment easily (with by low effort and cost).
 - From the perspective of the infrastructure administrator, the cost of building and operating the infrastructure is also important.
- ...

Building blocks for Trustworthiness Infrastructure & Root(s) of Trust

Bilateral Trust



Centralized Trust



Decentralized Trust



- Use existing solutions, where possible and combine different technologies
- PKI-based infrastructures (ISO/IEC 9594-8/X.509): eIDAS, Browser Forum, Privately controlled industrial PKIs
- W3C based building blocks: DIDs, VCs
- “Wallets” are realizing secure and trustworthy interactions according to defined Governance

Some security challenges are...

- **Sufficient security management level in each participating domain**
 - Vulnerability management for all components
 - Timely and efficient incidence management
 - Cooperation between different security domains
- **Interoperable and agile usage of Cryptography: different regions may have different regulations**
- **Long term capability of infrastructure:**
 - Migration to Post Quantum Security will become necessary
 - Additional/new use cases need technical adjustments
- **Robustness against failure of single building blocks**
 - No single point of failure (SPOF)
 - Technical failures
 - Political failures
- **Secure join and leave of participants**
- **Continuous compliance control and enforcements**
- ...

EU Regulation for Electronic Identification, Authentication, and Trust Services, eIDAS

eIDAS stands for **E**lectronic **I**dentification, **A**uthentication, and **T**rust **S**ervices. It is a set of rules by the European Union to make electronic transactions more secure and trustworthy across Europe.

Key Features

- **Better Security:** Stronger measures to protect your data and prevent fraud.
- **Digital Wallets:** New digital wallets for EU citizens to store and use their digital identities safely.
- **Trust Services:** Includes trust services like electronic signatures, seals, timestamps, website authentication certificates, etc.
- **Improved Interoperability:** Ensures that digital solutions work smoothly across different EU countries

Why is it important?

- **Standardization:** Creates a common framework for digital identities and trust services across Europe.
- **Encourages Use:** Makes it easier and safer for people and businesses to use digital identities.
- **Supports Digital Market:** Helps build a secure digital market by ensuring reliable electronic identification and trust services.

Business-to-Business/Consumer Use Cases

- **Electronic Signatures:** Businesses can use secure electronic signatures for contracts, agreements, and transactions, reducing paperwork and speeding up processes
- **Identity Verification:** Companies can verify identities of partners and clients efficiently, ensuring secure and trustworthy interactions
- **Streamlined KYC Processes:** Know Your Customer (KYC) processes can be streamlined using digital identities, making it easier for businesses to comply with regulations

Business/Consumer to Government Use Cases

- **Access to Public Services:** Governments can provide citizens with secure access to public services, like healthcare, education, and social benefits, using digital identities
- **Secure Communication:** Government agencies can communicate securely with businesses and citizens, ensuring confidentiality and integrity of sensitive information
- **Digital Identity Wallets:** Citizens can use digital wallets to interact with government services, making processes like tax filing and license renewals more efficient

Usage of DIDs and VCs

DID

Decentralized Identifier

A portable, new type of URL-based identifier associated with an entity. It enables verifiable, decentralized digital identity.



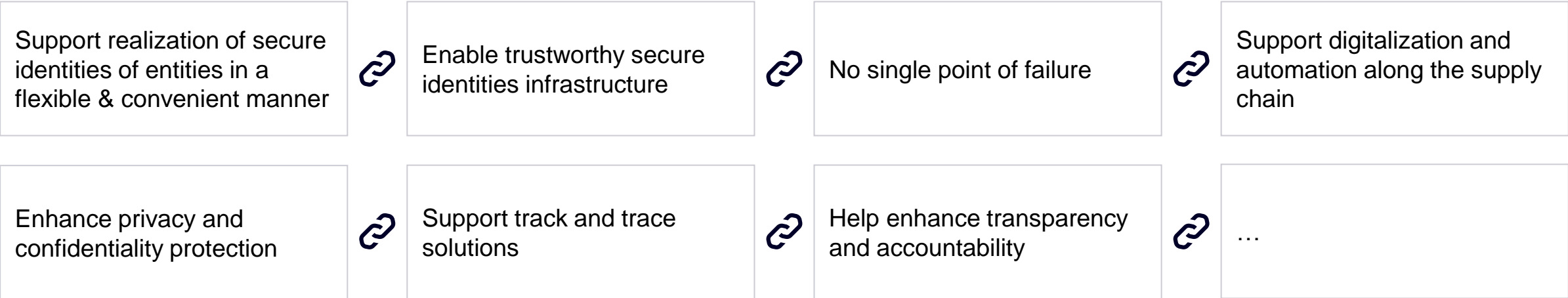
VC

Verifiable Credential

Set of tamper-evident claims about a “subject” and metadata that cryptographically prove who issued it.



Benefits of leveraging DIDs and VCs



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