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Data Trading in GAIA-X

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Data Trading in GAIA-X: Agenda

1. Purpose of Data Delivery Contracts
2. Anatomy of a Data Delivery Contract
3. History of Data Delivery Contracts
4. Data Trading in GAIA-X
5. The GAIA-X Data Contract Service
6. Future of Data Trading

Purpose of Data Delivery Contracts 1/5

The Parties seek to implement a data processing agreement that complies with the requirements of the current legal framework in relation to data processing and with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).

Making a data delivery to a client is a complicated endeavor. There are many aspects that must be carefully considered and planned for: de-identification, public use versus restricted access, documentation, ancillary files such as programs, formats, and so on, and methods of data transfer, among others.



A data contract is an agreement that specifies **data owner accountability** regarding data delivery acceptability levels...

Data Providers are responsible for data quality and legality of the data content itself, while Data Consumers remain responsible for lawful data usage according to the Data Contract.

Purpose of Data Delivery Contracts 2/5

Data trading...

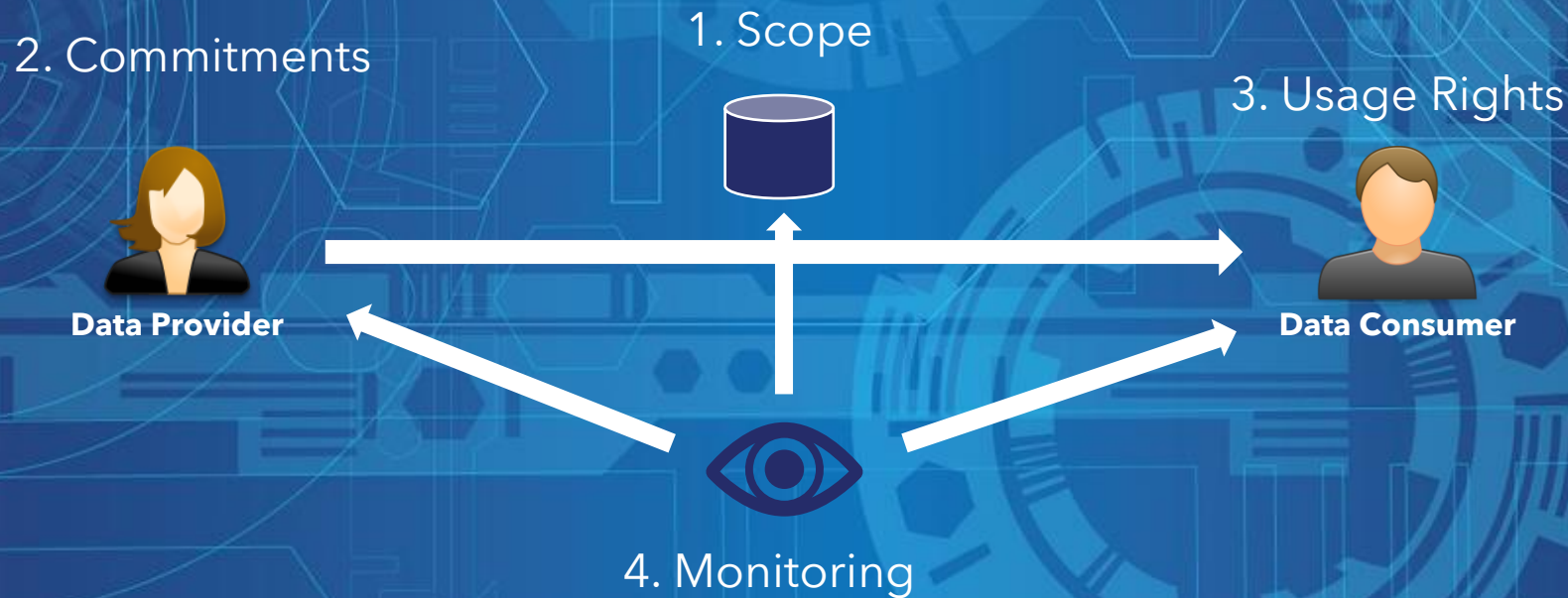


...it's complex and complicated

Purpose of Data Delivery Contracts 3/5

But in essence, it's just these four things:

1. The **scope** of the delivery (data content, transfer mode, time, price)
2. The **commitments** of the data provider (quality, liability, warranty)
3. The **usage rights** of the data consumer (circulation, policies, restrictions)
4. The **monitoring** policy (logging, receipts, policy enforcement)



Purpose of Data Delivery Contracts 4/5

Are data delivery contracts always required?

Purpose of Data Delivery Contracts 5/5

No!

Not every transaction needs an explicit sales contract -
you don't sign a contract when you buy a newspaper

See also <http://opendatacommons.org/>

But some issues make them favorable:

1. Large price tag
2. Copyright
3. Personal data
4. Valuable data
5. Large quantities
6. Guaranteed quality
7. Usage restrictions
8. ...

Anatomy of a Data Delivery Contract 1/9

A data delivery contract contains:

1. The subject matter of the contract

A brief description summarizing the contract and referencing the following paragraphs in a general way

Anatomy of a Data Delivery Contract 2/9

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Lists the rights and duties of Provider and Consumer in a general way, including logging and monitoring of the transaction

Anatomy of a Data Delivery Contract 3/9

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3. Usage Rights

Mentions qualitative usage rights like non-exclusivity, non-transferability, the right to store and process, prohibition to alter the Data Asset, etc., referencing the formal usage policies.

Anatomy of a Data Delivery Contract 4/9

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4. Warranty

Guarantees the the right of the Provider to sell the Data Asset, legality of the Data Asset itself, and the promised data quality.

Anatomy of a Data Delivery Contract 5/9

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5. Liability

Details when the Provider is liable for damages resulting from the Data Asset, e.g., breach of warranty, product liability, fraud, willful intent, and gross negligence.

Anatomy of a Data Delivery Contract 6/9

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Insofar the Data Asset contains anonymized data that could be analyzed to infer identity features of persons, such analyses should be explicitly prohibited

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Mentions the confidentiality of the data contract, data transactions, and the Data Asset itself

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8. Contract Lifespan

Mentions when the contract begins, how it can end, and that the Consumer is required to delete the Data Asset if and when required

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9. Final Clause

Mentions general terms of use, immutability of the contract, and the famous severability clause

History of Data Delivery Contracts 1/5



How did data delivery contracts evolve?

History of Data Delivery Contracts 2/5

Individual Contract

- Specifically tailored for each data asset, customer, and delivery mode
- Makes only sense for expensive data assets and singular trades



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History of Data Delivery Contracts 3/5

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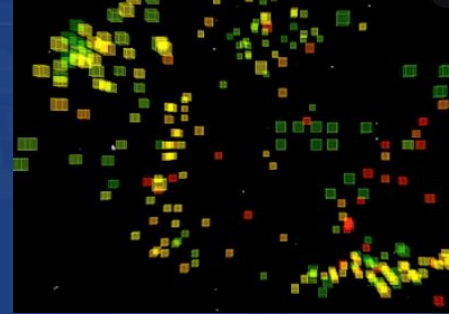


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DDC as Metadata

- Data asset contains DDC
- Structure and mandatory content is predefined
- Transcends dataspace boundaries



Pro: Enables automatic trades

Con: Requires data asset onboarding

GAIA-X DDC: What Is It?

1

Sales Contract

Written agreement between a buyer and seller, **setting forth the terms of the sale**, and specifying the rights and duties of the parties

2

Ricardian Contract

Machine-readable, digitally signed contract, which is linked to issuance system, and uniquely identifiable

3

Verifiable Credential

Digitally signed claims about the data asset, its delivery, and its usage

4

Smart Contract

Transaction protocol which is intended to **automatically execute**, control, or document legally relevant events

5

Smart Legal Contract

A legally binding agreement that is digital and able to **connect its terms** and the performance of its obligations **to external systems**

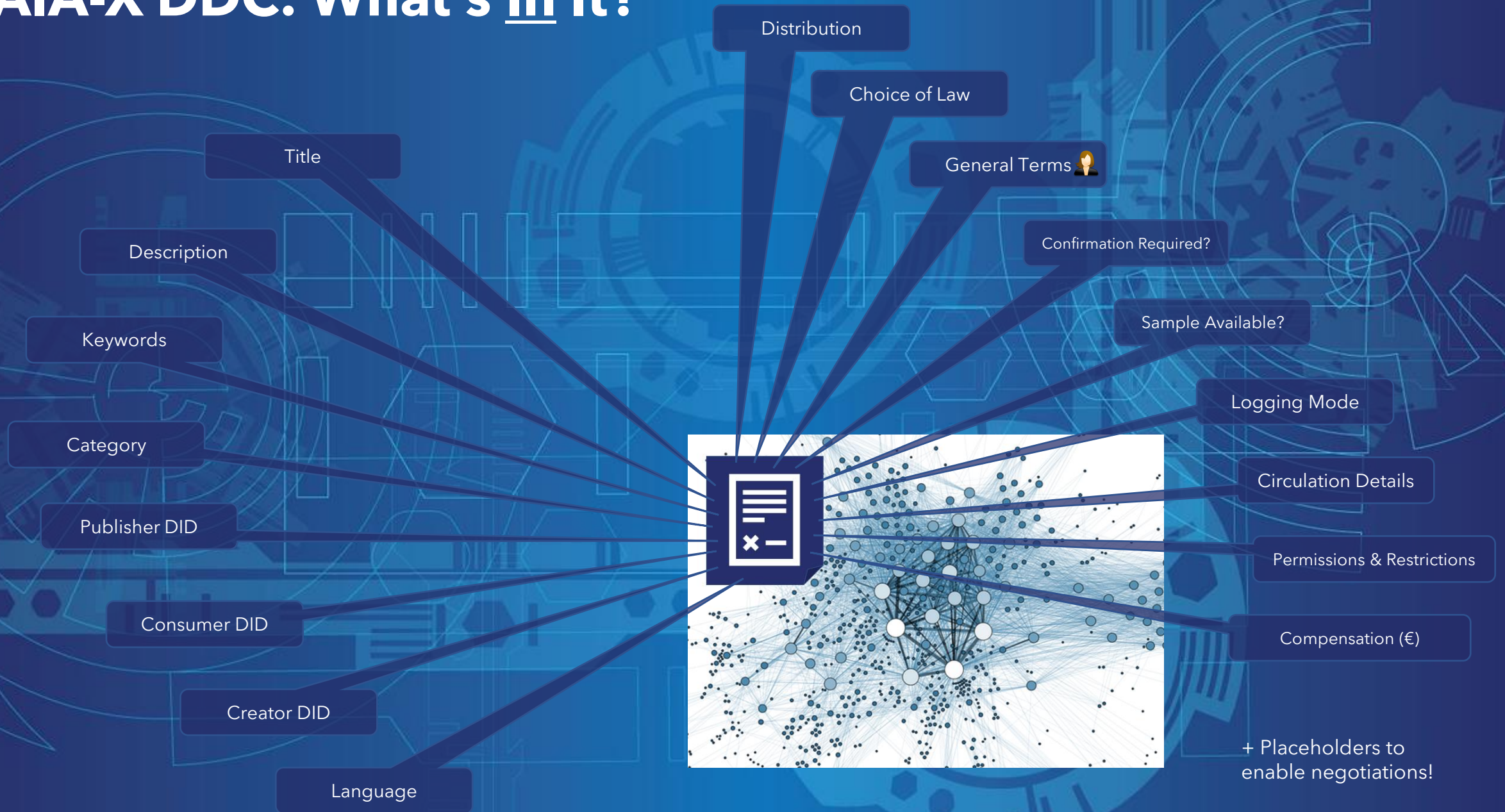
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GX Self-Description

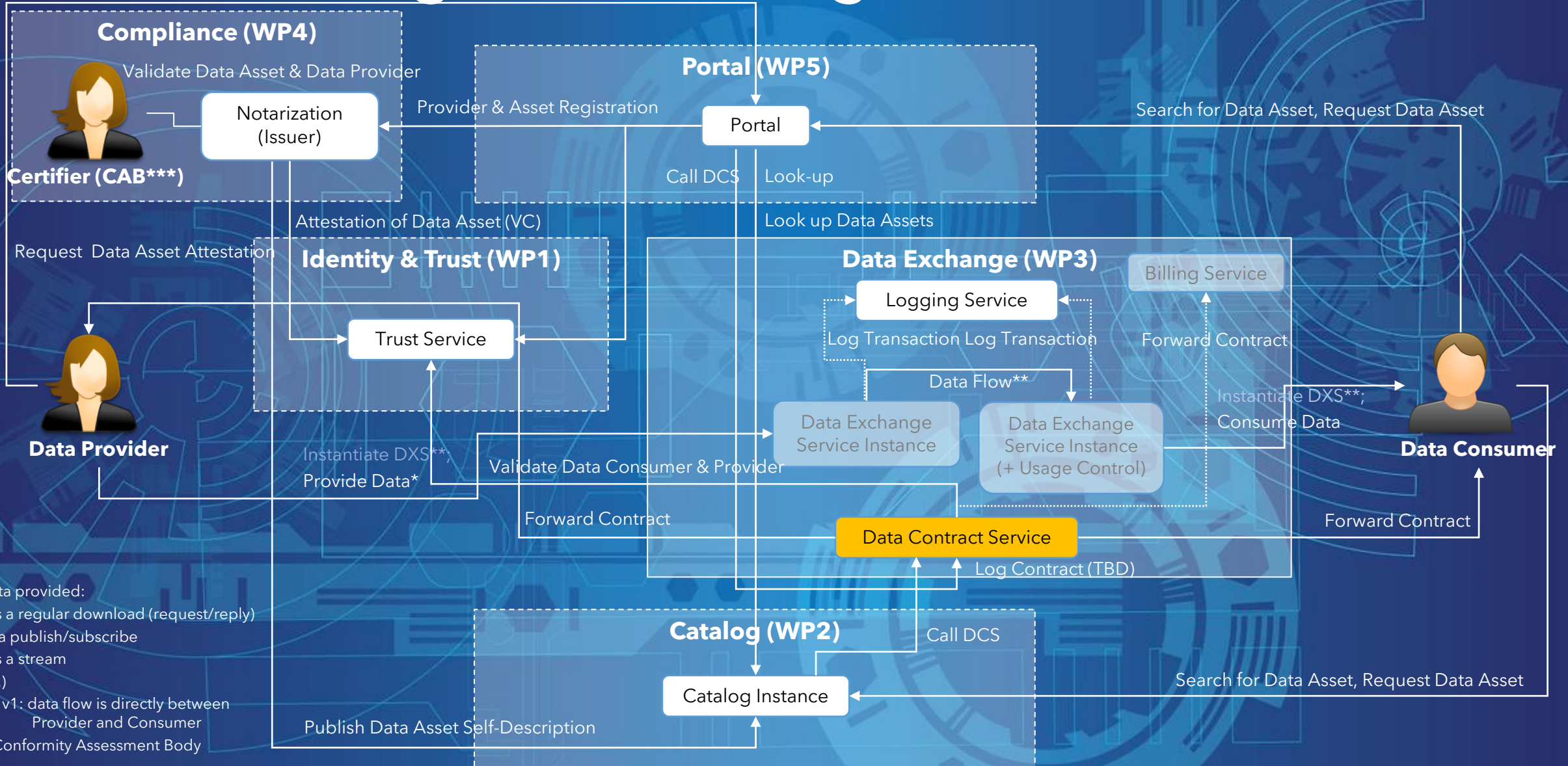
Describes properties and claims of the asset; tied to the DID of the respective asset and other involved entities



GAIA-X DDC: What's In It?



GAIA-X: Sovereign Data Exchange in Context 1/5



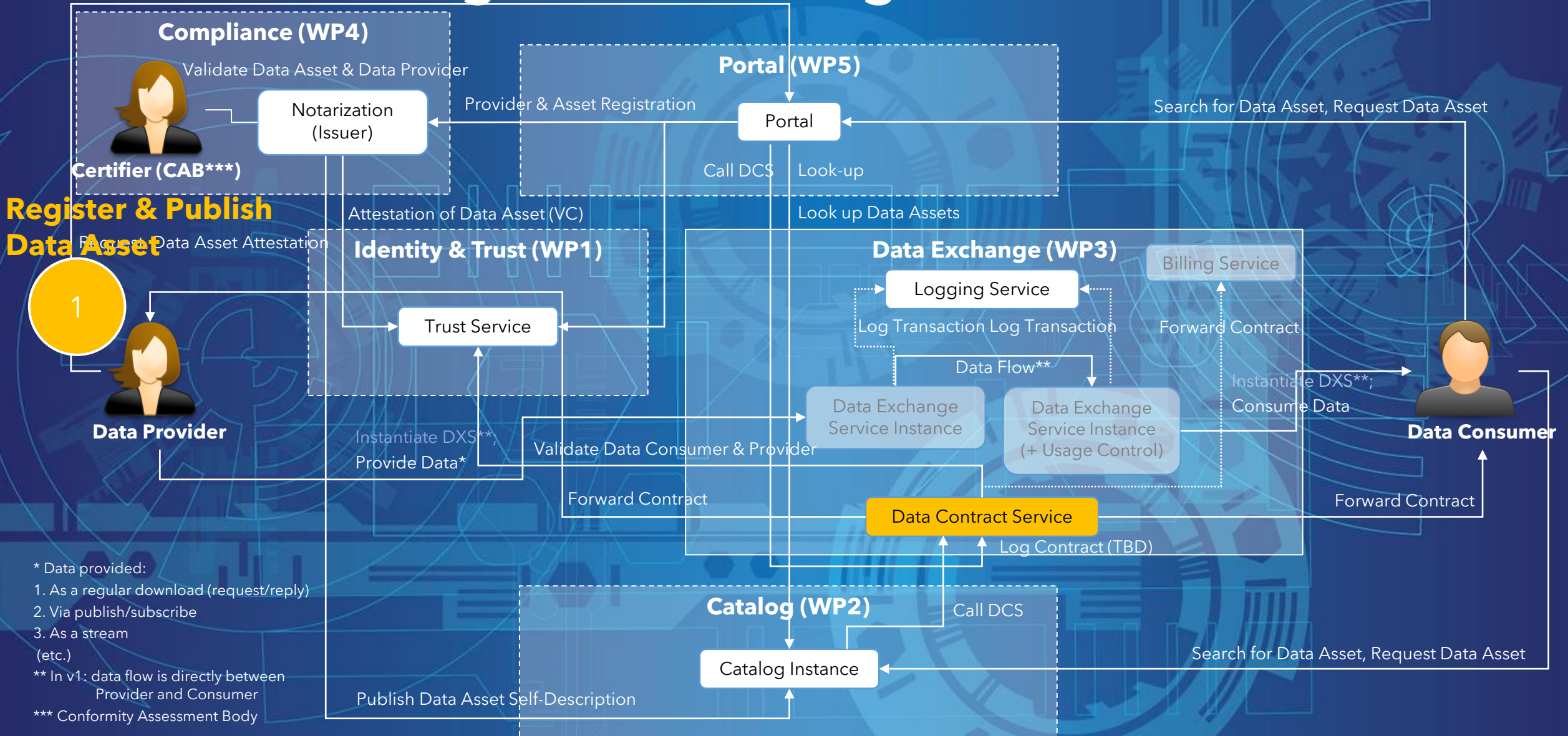
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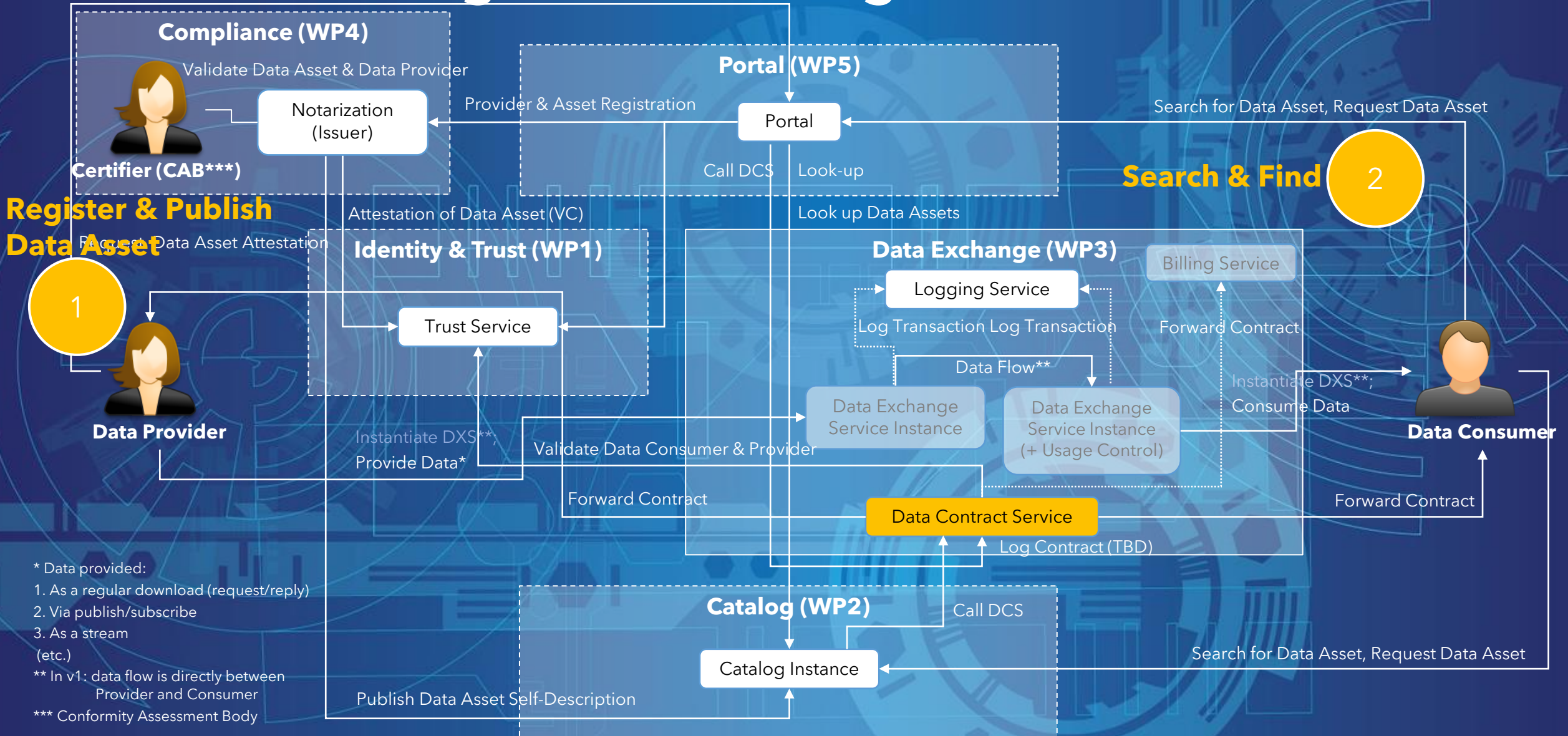
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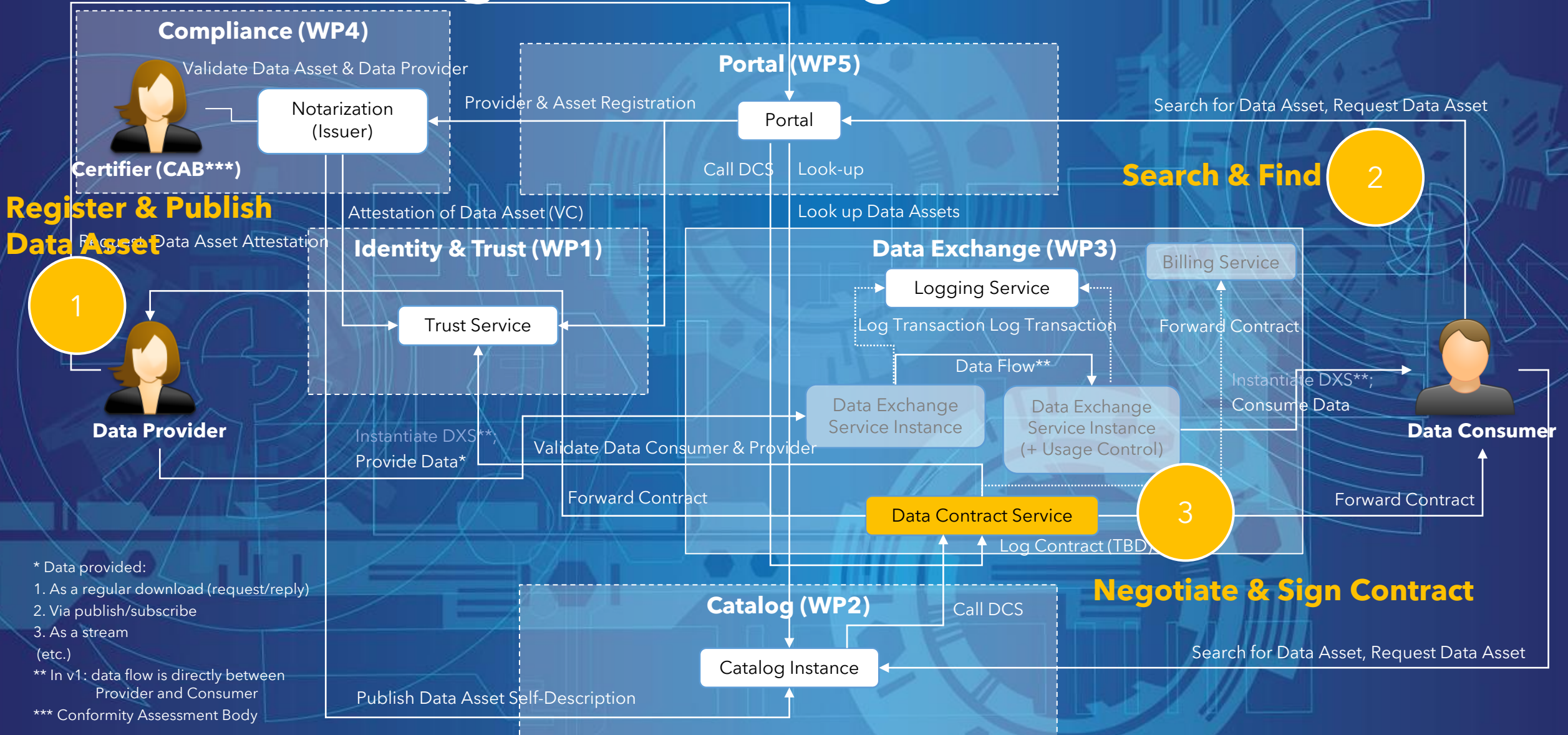
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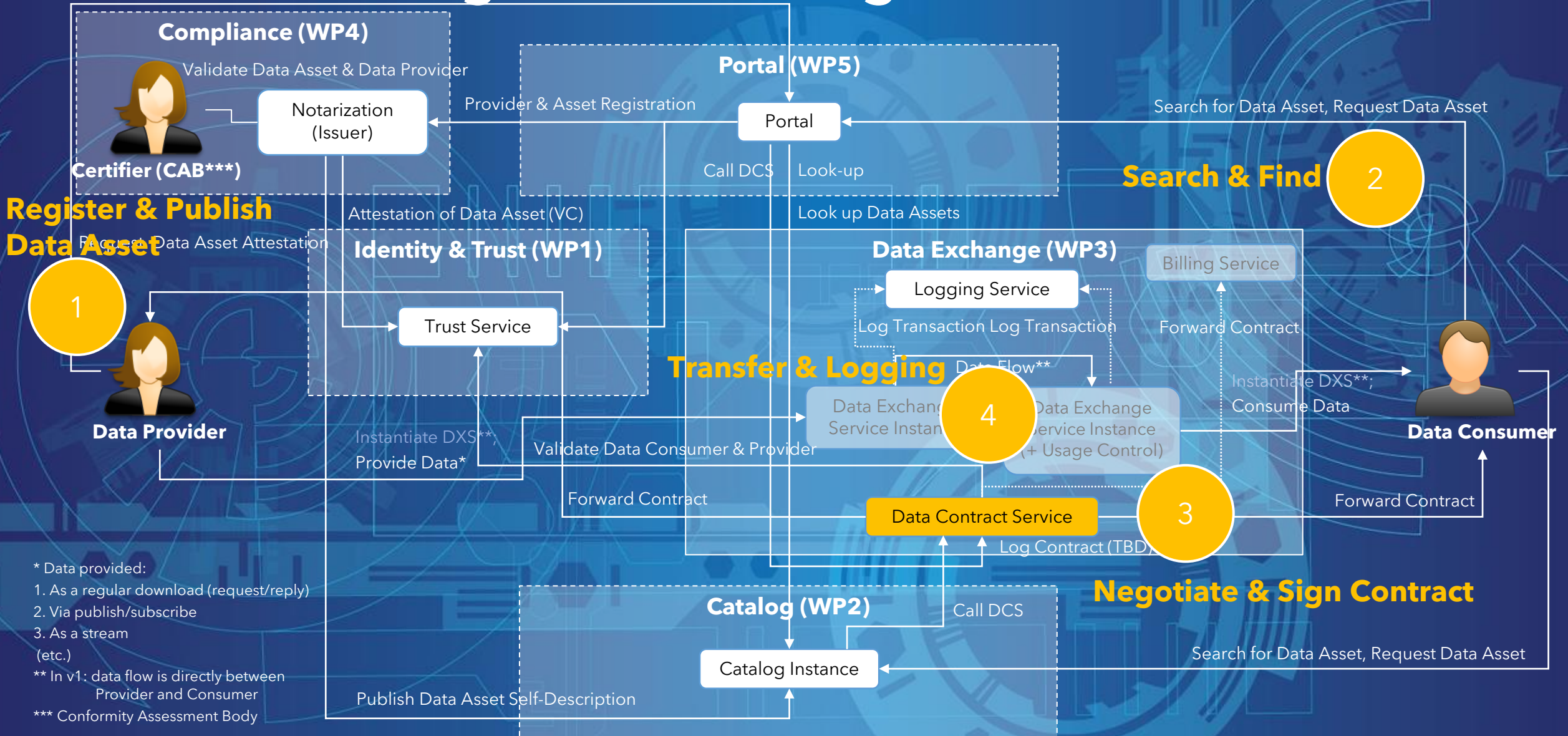
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The Future of Data Trading

1

Automatic onboarding of data assets
(SSI + AI Data Quality & Legality Check)

2

Automatic contract negotiation
(Contract as Code + Agent Reasoning)

3

Automatic monetization of your
(and your devices') data trail
(Micropayments + 2)

4

Ad-hoc client-side enclaves for
usage policy enforcement
(Connector as a Service)

5

Search, purchase, and
application of data assets by
autonomous agents
(Delegation Credentials + 3)

6

Fully decentralized (and automated)
peer-to-peer data trading
(1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5)

7

Automatic data aggregation,
refinery, and reselling
(1 + 2 + 5 + x)



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