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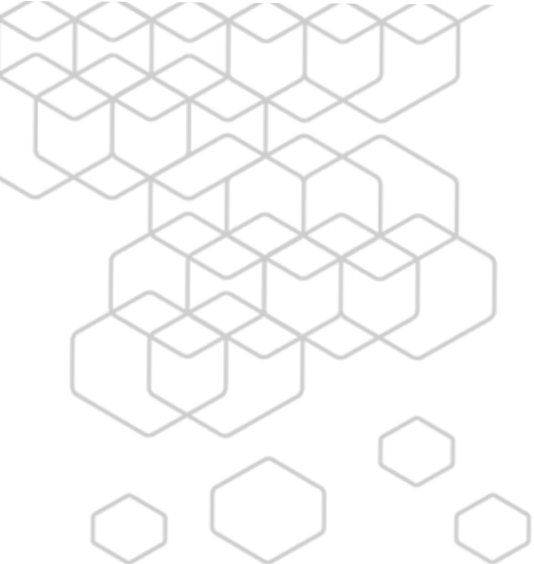## GLOBAL SANDBOXES FORUM

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WHAT IS THE GSF

The Global Sandboxes Forum brings together a community of practice to demonstrate the unique potential of sandboxes and foster the adoption of a more collaborative approach to address local and global challenges of the digital age.

It aims to empower public and private actors by sharing experiences, building capacity, developing evidence-based guidance on how to implement sandboxes, and catalyzing concrete initiatives at the local, national and regional levels to responsibly **unlock the value of data for people and planet**.

THE GSF APPROACH

EVIDENCE BASED

The GSF showcases the experience of recognized pioneers in the implementation of sandboxes and collects a broad evidence base to help everyone adopt best practices.

COLLABORATIVE

Implementing a Sandbox Approach is a mindset, based on the principles of shared responsibility and involvement of all relevant stakeholders for each issue.

IMPACT-DRIVEN

The GSF helps participants identify concrete common challenges and determine how to operationally initiate and run Sandboxes to address them.

EMPOWERING

The GSF will equip stakeholders with jointly developed tools and methods to help them efficiently run innovative and iterative collaborative efforts.

THE CHALLENGES

Sandboxes are an innovative tool but still insufficiently known and sometimes intimidating

This is a growing innovative practice implemented in more than 70 countries

Too many actors remain unaware of its existence and how it works

There are already very diverse examples of successful implementations

Absence of communication precludes cross-sector transposition

It provides a new way for different stakeholders to interact constructively

It requires a change in established practices, without yet a clear, agreed methodology

Sandboxes represent an agile regulatory or operational approach that can be tailored to different situations

Fear of failure inhibits inexperienced actors who do not have support to design, implement and evaluate results of sandboxes

WHAT GSF DOES

CONNECTS

1

Through online and physical events, the GSF brings together public authorities, private and civil society actors to share their experiences and understand their common challenges.

INFORMS

The GSF helps document successful implementations and best practices and develops tools and capacity–building resources to empower stakeholders.

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CATALYZES

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Fostering interactions, the GSF allows to identify concrete issues and catalyze cooperations among the relevant stakeholders needed to address them.

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PLANNED ACTIVITIES/ OUTCOMES

EVIDENCE

A database of meaningful examples from around the world to help everyone learn from experience and identify useful resources.

Building on existing research by the Datasphere Initiative and crowd-sourced input from the GSF Community, this common resource will showcase pioneering implementations of Sandboxes in a diversity of topics and geographic settings.

TOOLKIT(S)

A set of guidelines and a step-by step methodology to empower initiators of sandboxes to benefit from the lessons of their peers when they prepare, set-up, and run their initiatives.

CAPACITY BUILDING

Workshops, peer-learning and in-person and online training for decision-makers in the public and private sector to encourage a culture of proactive learning on responsible innovation and to equip them with a method to design and implement their own sandboxes.

OUTREACH

A series of thematic, regional and global events, both online and in-person, to bring the Community together, raise awareness and explore concrete issues to be addressed across sectors and regions.

SUPPORT

Tailored expert assistance in the successive phases of a Sandbox effort, regarding preparedness, issue framing, stakeholder engagement, and drafting of outcomes.

GET INVOLVED

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

If you have implemented Sandboxes at your local or national level, or participated in such efforts, contribute to building the shared resources that will help others benefit from your experience.

LET US KNOW YOUR NEEDS

To develop the most meaningful activities for the GSF, we want to understand what is useful for this Community and its expectations; so, please tell us.

SUPPORT THE GSF

The GSF needs your help to secure the resources that will ensure its sustainability to serve the global public interest. Your in-kind and financial support will be highly appreciated, as well as the introductions you can provide to potential partners.

WORK WITH US

The GSF is a project of the Datasphere Initiative (DI), a Swiss-based public interest foundation dedicated to developing agile frameworks to responsibly unlock the value of data for all.

The DI team, composed of expert professionals with more than 60 years of combined experience in technical and policy environments, is looking forward to hearing from you.

HOW WE CAN HELP

Formalization of your best practices

For actors with existing and recognized expertise in the implementation of Sandboxes, who may be overwhelmed by requests for assistance from less experienced actors, we can document your best practices to make them broadly available.

Preparedness

For newcomers to this innovative approach, we can provide preparedness sessions to familiarize themselves with the concept, its methodology, and benefits, which is a critical prerequisite to making the best of it.

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