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ATLAS –Interoperability for the digital Agriculture

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Facts and Numbers

- ATLAS will run over 42 months
- 1399.5 person months
- 9 work packages
- 51 deliverables
- 13 milestones
- 12,890,976.25€ grant requested



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Consortium



























































30 partners from 8 different European countries

- Universities and research institutions
- Industry
 - Machine Manufacturers through AEF (as LTPs)
 - o CNH Industrial, Kverneland, John Deere, Claas, AEM, ...
- o SMEs
 - o AgriCircle, agroapps, Robot Makers, Meteomatics, fodjan, Libelium
- Agricultural cooperatives and commercial farms
 - o DLG, Hellenic Agricultural Organization, Association of Latvian Organic Agriculture





Farming is complex!

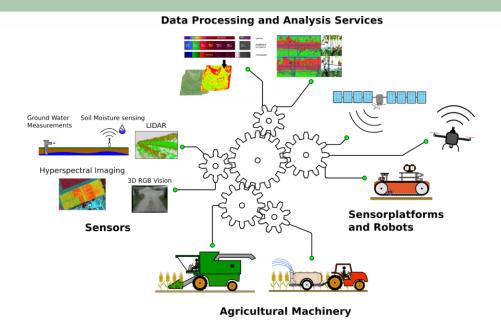


- Example: One Farm, 7 different Software Systems
 - This will probably increase in the future
- Lots of things to manage
- Very heterogeneous landscape of machines, sensors and data platforms





Interoperability in digital Agriculture



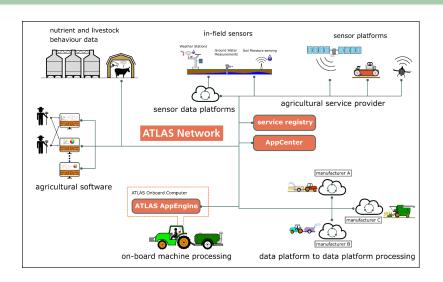
Exchange of data between all entities is a key-capability

- Syntactic level: compatible messaging standards, programming language agnostic
- Semantic level: transmitted data conveys a shared meaning that enables the integration of business processes





ATLAS Interoperability Architecture - Drivers

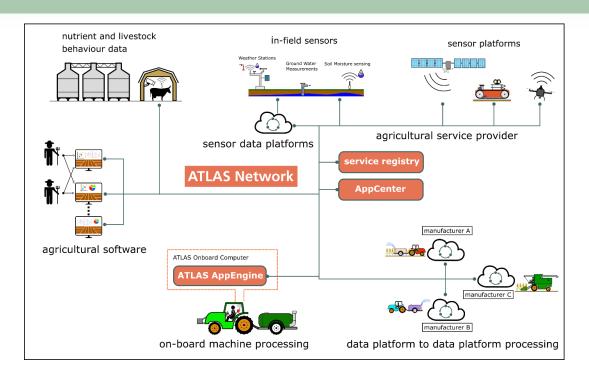


- Openness and lowest possible entry barriers
- Interoperable with supporting well defined current standards
- Decentralized with a minimum of centralized components
- Ability to evolve the interoperability to react fast to emerging needs and innovation
- Providing offline functionality to different use cases





ATLAS Interoperability Architecture

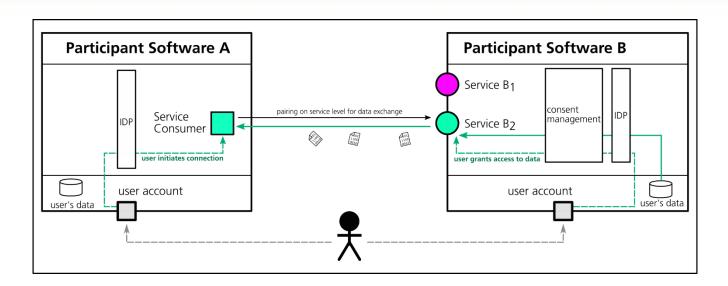


- Reference architecture Designed along concrete use-cases
- Two basic concepts complementing each other:
 - Data-platform based data exchange and processing
 - Edge computing and processing capabilities





Participants, Services and Service Templates



- Participants are identified legal entities referenced in the ATLAS Registry
- Services are the basic interoperability building blocks in ATLAS
 - Services are provided by participants
 - Services implement a specific template
- Service templates describe semantically related agricultural or technical functions



API, parameter and data format specification



Farms and Test Sites









- 13 agricultural operations available in the consortium
 - o Italy, Romania, Latvia, Switzerland, Germany
 - 5 pure research farms
 - 6 commercial farms
 - 2 combined research / commercial farms
- Apples, cherries, chestnuts, arable crops, vineyards, forestry, potatoes, orchards, fruit production
- poultry farming, beef cattle, pigs, mother cows





Pilot Studies and Use Cases



- Conducted on the test sites to demonstrate and evaluate the platform and the interoperability of sensors, machines and services
- Use cases defined through ATLAS end-users
 - Targeted application of plant protection
 - Advanced Irrigation Management
 - Soil state and soil readiness analysis
 - Behavioural analysis of livestock





Summary

- New level of interoperability
 - o Agricultural machines, sensors, data services

ATLAS enables:

- Simplified processes from farm to fork
 - Simplified Communication
 - Digital connection to the consumer
 - Avoidance of multiple data collection processes
 - Data sovereignty is at the farmer
- New business models for and with the farmer



Thank you!

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