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## Korea's Data Ecosystem

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## **Status of Korea's Data Ecosystem**

#### e-Government

- Topped UN e-Government Survey in 2010, 2012, 2014
- Ranked second place on UN e-Government Survey in 2020
- Highest-evaluated in OECD open data evaluation in 2015, 2017, 2019
- and IDRC

#### **Digital Infrastructure**

- and 97.6% owning a smartphone
- cases such as big-data based bus route design



• Ranked second place on the Government AI Readiness Index 2020 by Oxford University

• One of the best broadband Internet penetration: 95.1% of the population using Internet

• Korea's data industry has shown very rapid growth and produced highly innovative use



## Efforts for digital governments have led the development of ICT infrastructure as well as data ecosystem

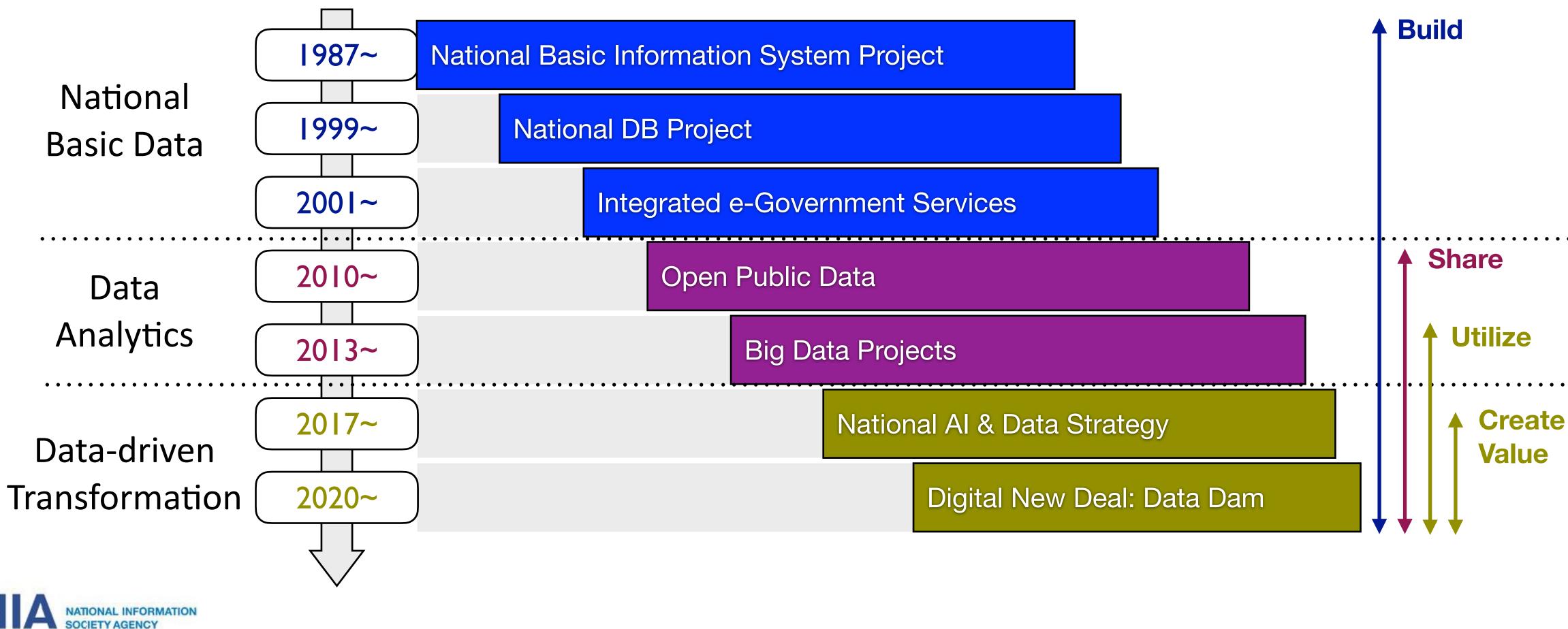
	Period	Key Objectives	Key Organizations	Characteristics
e-Gov Location Smart Gov	1987-1995	Computerization of National     Basic Data	<ul> <li>National Computerization Board under President</li> <li>National Computerization Agency</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Computerization of 5 key areas such as public administration, finance, education, national defense, security</li> <li>Lay the foundation for e-government and data era</li> </ul>
	1995-2000	<ul> <li>Information Superhighway (Broadband Internet)</li> <li>Digital &amp; Online Service</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>National Informatization Committee chaired by the Prime Minister</li> <li>establish of Ministry of ICT (MIC)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Enact of Framework Law on National Informatization</li> <li>Integrated approach to digital government</li> <li>World first nationwide roll-out of broadband Internet</li> </ul>
	2001-2007	<ul> <li>e-Government Development (Integration)</li> <li>Ubiquitous computing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>special committees on e-Government under President</li> <li>National Informatization Committee</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Strong leadership from the President</li> <li>Upgrade to integrated e-Government and services</li> <li>Two separate governances for e-Gov and national ICT</li> </ul>
	2008-2012	• e-Government (governance)	<ul> <li>dismantle of MIC and distributed governance</li> <li>National Informatization Strategy Committee</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Weakening of ICT governance with distributed organizations</li> <li>Introduction of new ICT management such as CIO position and enterprise architecture</li> </ul>
	2013-2016		<ul> <li>Government 3.0 Committee</li> <li>establish of Ministry of Science and ICT</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Focus on government innovation based on emerging technologies such as data analytics</li> <li>Two separate governances for e-Gov and national ICT</li> </ul>
	2017-present	<ul> <li>The Fourth Industrial Revolution (FIR)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Presidential Committee on the Fourth Industrial Revolution</li> <li>National Data Policy Committee</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Focus on national ICT for FIR</li> <li>Development institutions and organization for data and AI</li> </ul>





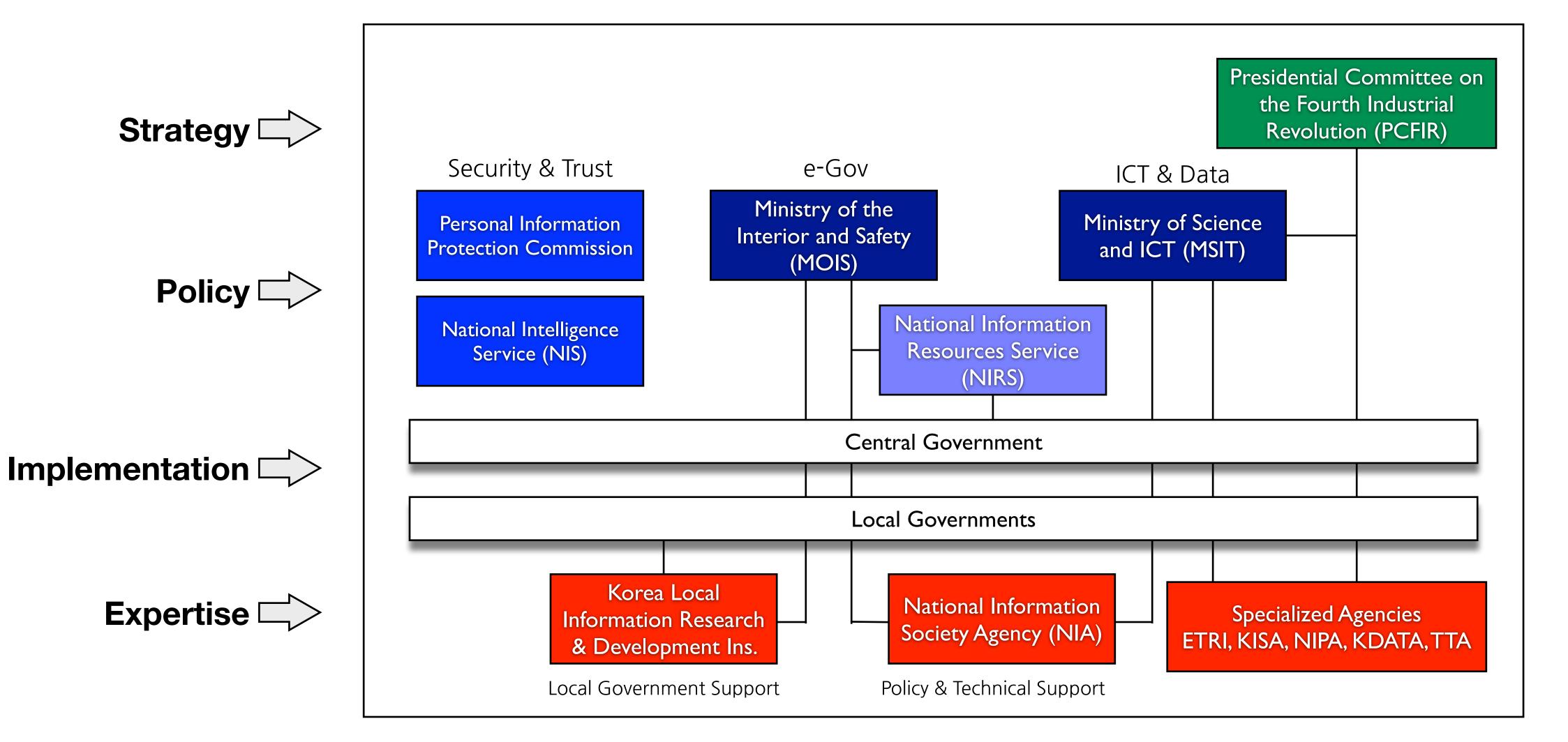


## Korea's Data Strategy



Decades-long consistent data strategies have been implemented across all the administration since 1987

## Korea's Data Governance



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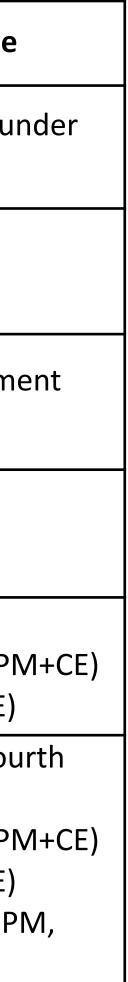
## **Government-wide Committees for Data Strategies**

- Special purpose committees have been established for highly strategic national agendas. e-Government and government innovations have been main targets, but recently data issues have produced several special committees.
- Data related coordination committees
  - Open Data Strategy Committee: Since established in
     2013, it has driven the opening to the private sector and one of its key tasks is to settle disputes between agencies or between government and the private.
  - National Data Policy Committee: It is due to start working in April 2022 accorindg to the newly enacted Data Framework Act. The committee comprises a wide range of ministries closely related with national data policy and two leading ministries, MSICT and MOIS, serve as executive secretary because they represent the private and the public sector respectively.

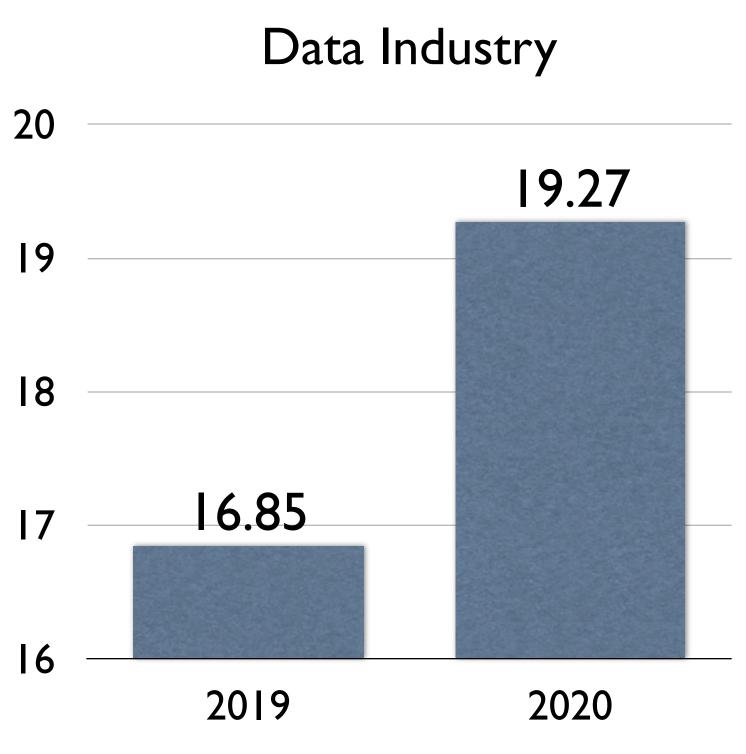


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2001-2007	<ul> <li>National Informatization Committee (PM)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>special committees on e-Governm under President (CE)</li> </ul>
2008-2012	<ul> <li>National Informatization Strategy Committee (PM+CE)</li> </ul>	
2013-2016	<ul> <li>ICT Strategy Committee (PM)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Government 3.0 Committee (CE)</li> <li>Open Data Strategy Committee (PI</li> <li>e-Government Committee (M+CE)</li> </ul>
2017- present	• ICT Strategy Committee (PM)	<ul> <li>Presidential Committee on the Foundustrial Revolution (CE)</li> <li>Open Data Strategy Committee (PI</li> <li>e-Government Committee (M+CE)</li> <li>National Data Policy Committee (PI</li> <li>April 2022)</li> </ul>

\* Chaired by (PM) Prime Minister, (M) Minister, (CE) Civilian Expert



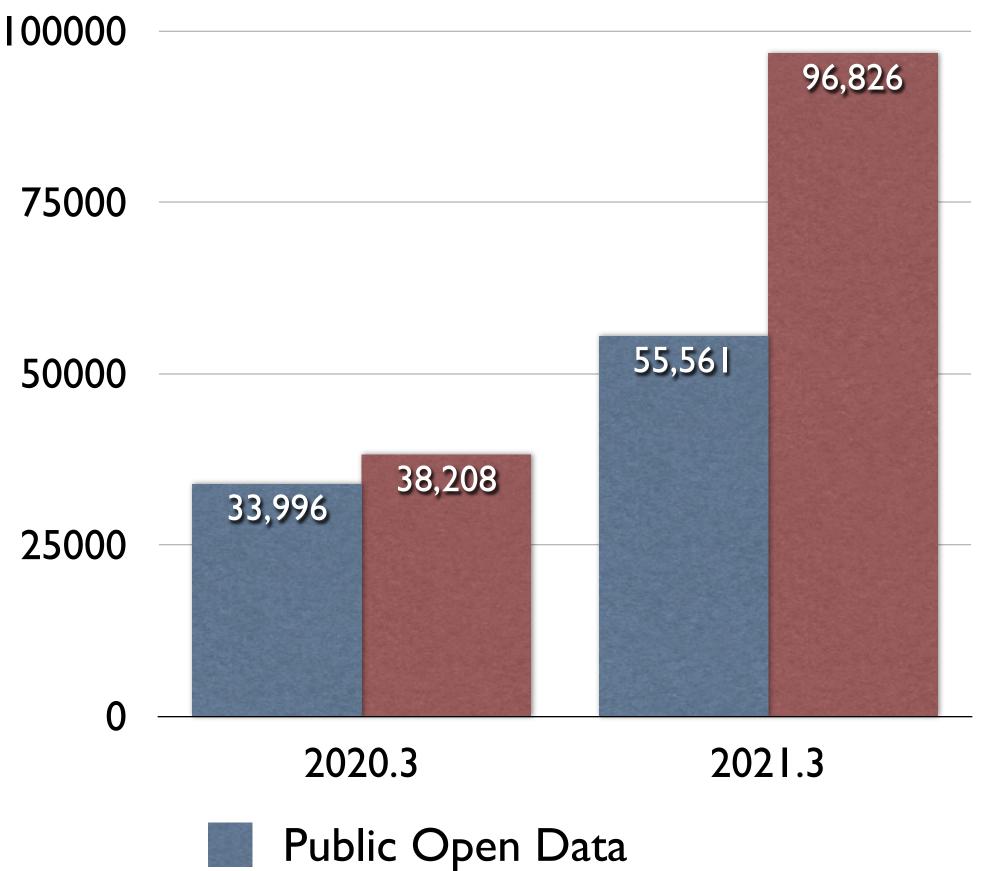
## **Key Achievements of Data Policies**



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Open Data and Use of AI Data



Use of AI Learning Data



## **Self-Assessment of Korea's Data Economy**





#### An insufficient data utilization environment that fails to meet the private sector's expectations

- Lack of quality data desired by the private sector
- Insufficient bases for data distribution and transaction
- Uncertain system (pseudonymous data, MyData) for data utilization

#### Requires continuous and consistent policies

- Supplier-centered data policies with a focus on the opening of public data
- Decentralized governance with data owned by several ministries, agencies and the PCFIR

Industry application

Government

policies

#### Data utilization in the early phase

- Lack of industrial utilization and application of data (rate of introducing big data in Korea: 12.3%)
- Lack of a foundation for utilizing data, such as experts, computing power and specialized companies

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Greater participation by individual/corporate data users

To-be

#### $\times$ Private sectorcentered data ecosystem innovation

Establish institutions and supporting systems to promote data utilization

₽ Establish a comprehensive data policy system

Make an impact on the public by providing data services for their daily lives

Create results that are experiencedbythe public first-hand





## 11 Tasks

#### Private sector-centered ecosystem innovation

- Open previously unavailable key data
- Secure a level of data quality as requested by data users
- Outilize private specialized companies and provide support for data purchase
- Onnect data platforms and vitalize data transaction platforms

#### Establish a comprehensive data policy system

- Overhaul the national data management system
- 6 Redesign government activities to be data-centered
- Stabilize new data utilization systems early on
- Output to the second to the operall data ecosystem
- Build a data- and science-based scientific disaster management system

----- Special Tasks-----

Implement a COVID-19 time-capsule project

Develop an integrated water management data system

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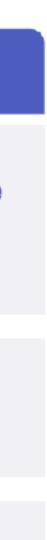
# Project , (Feb 2021 by PCFIR)



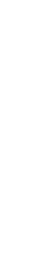
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Yo Medicine	<ol> <li>Personal health information in one place</li> <li>Automated private insurance claims</li> </ol>
Life	<ul> <li>3 Smart consumption</li> <li>4 Counterfeit detection</li> </ul>
<b>Welfare</b>	<ul><li><b>5</b> Continuous meal program for children</li><li><b>6</b> Al learning assistance</li></ul>
Key Foundation	<ul> <li>Al Hunminjeongeum</li> <li>K-Image Project</li> <li>Smart ports</li> </ul>





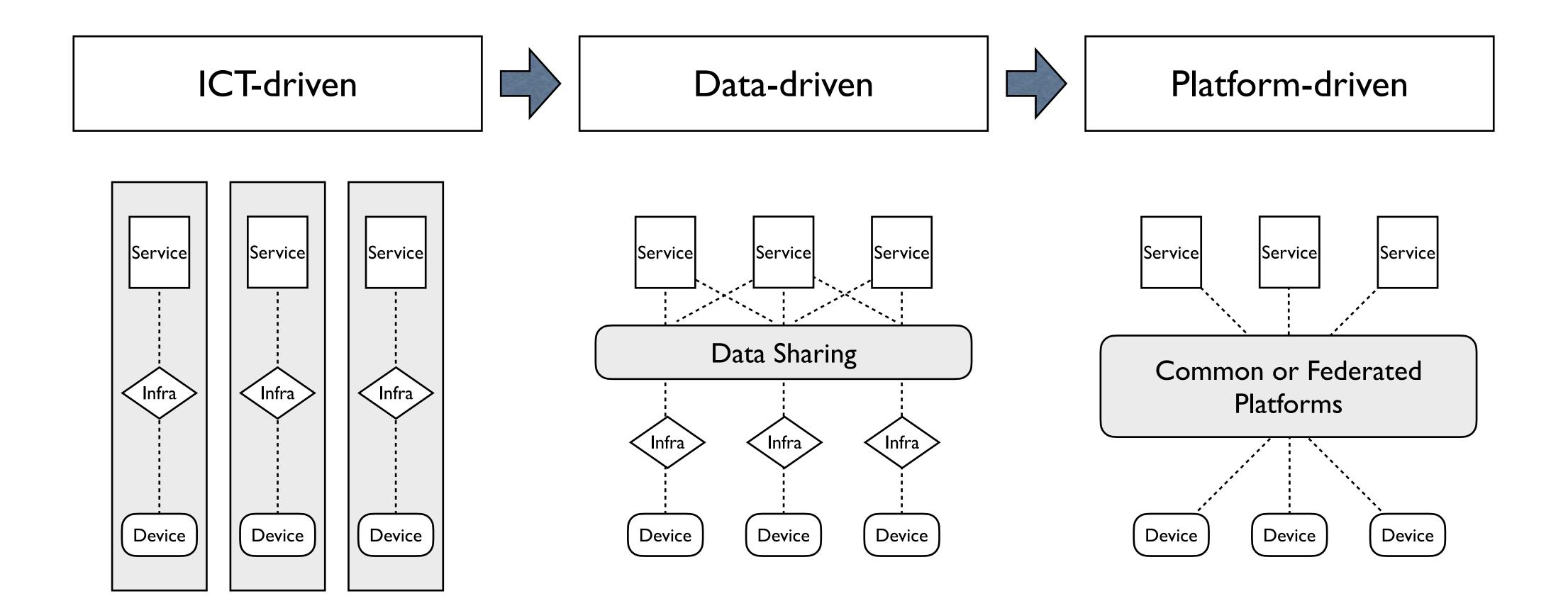






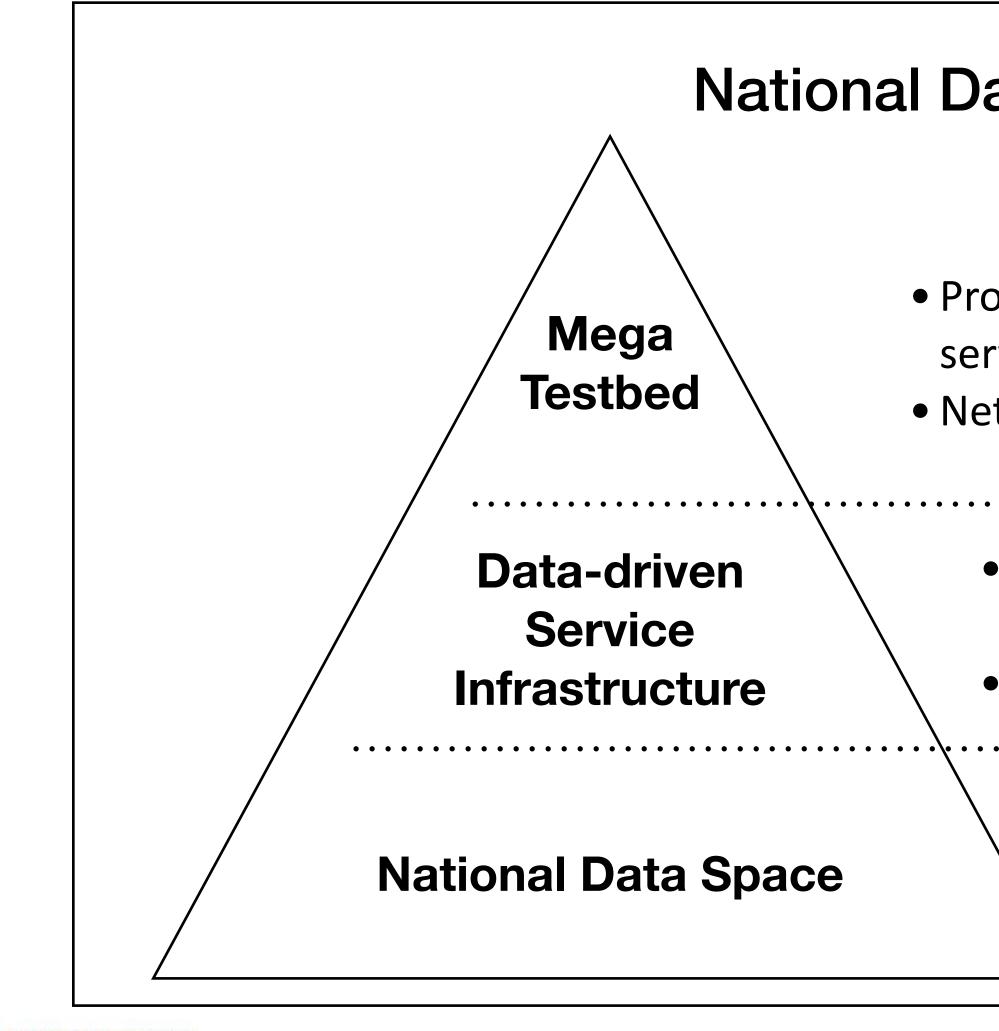


#### Future Direction for Data Ecosystems Development









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## **Preparing for the Future**

### National Data Infrastructure

- Providing development spaces for intelligent and augmented services
- Networking testbeds

  - Supporting the use of emerging technologies in the real space
  - 5G, Wifi, Digital Twin, Robot Infra, Smart Infrastructure ...

    - Enabling to connect different platforms nationwide • Similar to US NIST's PPI, EU's GAIA-X

# Thank you



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