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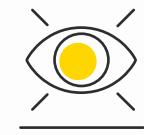
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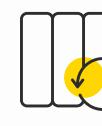
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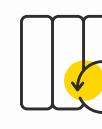
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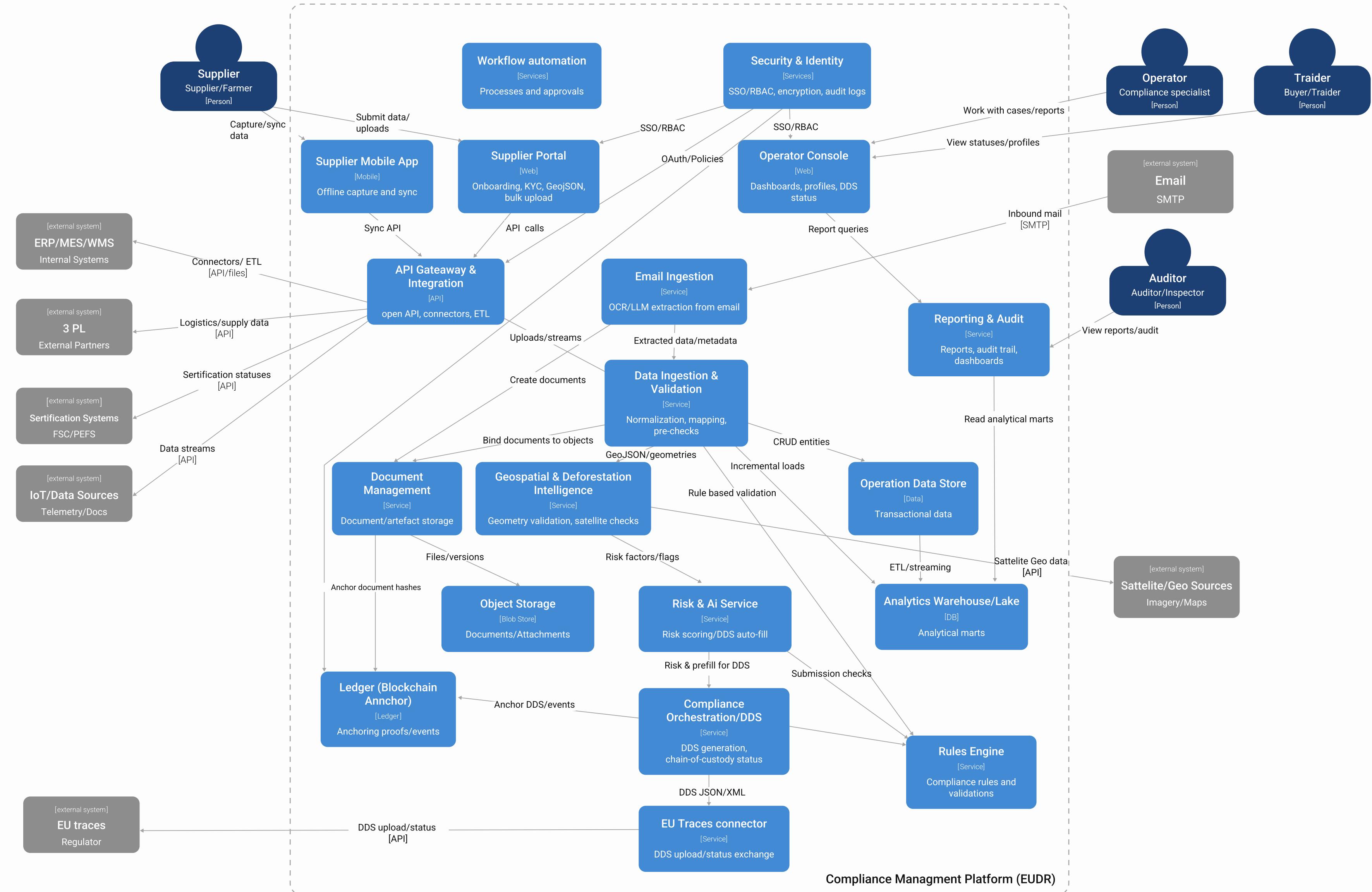


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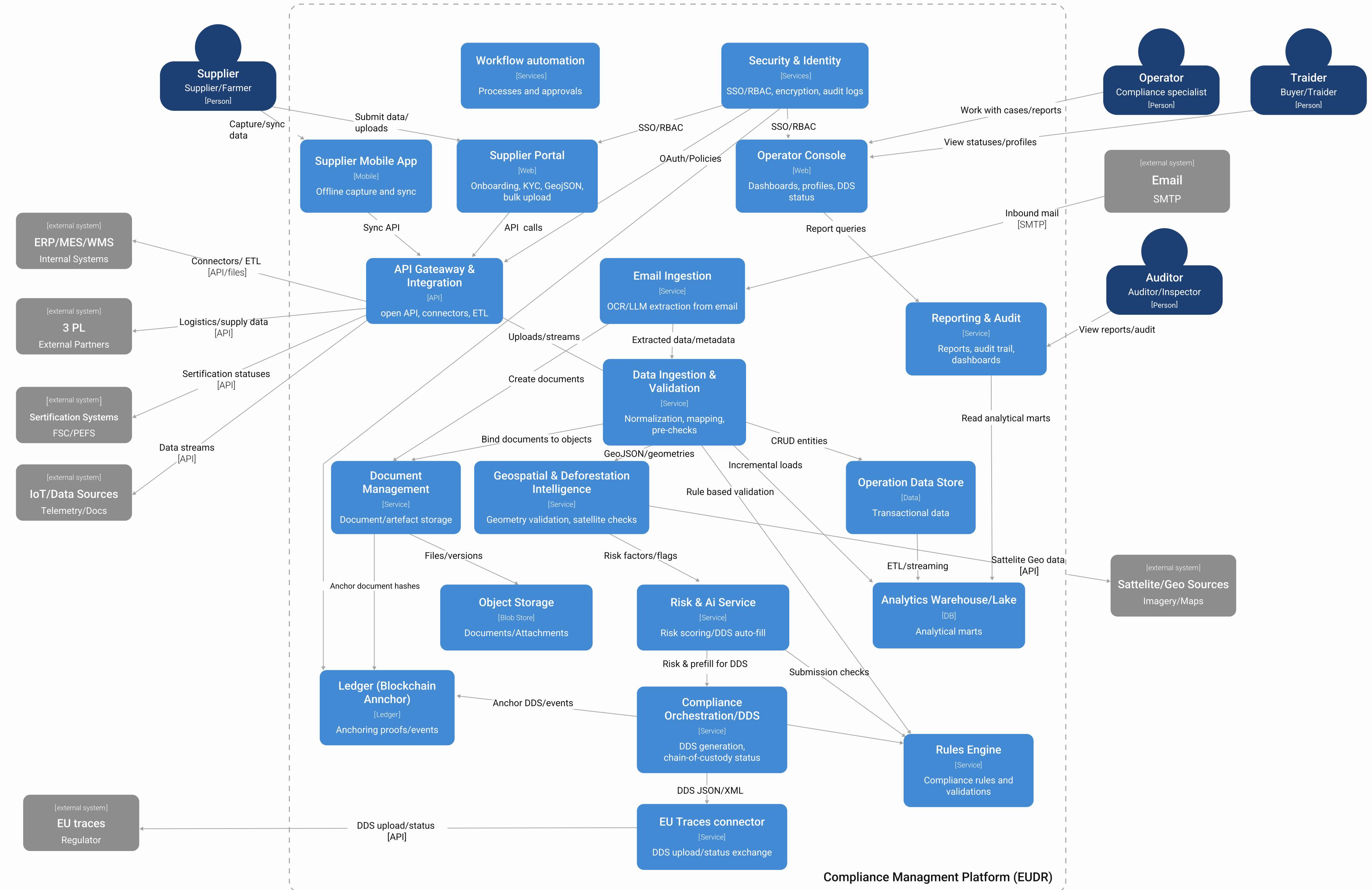
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- Smart SAQs and real-time risk scoring aligned to benchmark country classifications. Real-time updates of regulatory changes and specifications.
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## 04 Satellite-Backed Geolocation & Deforestation Checks

- System automatically analyse land history, forest cover loss, land use change using satellite datasets.
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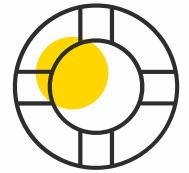
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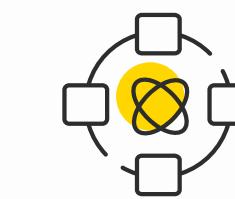
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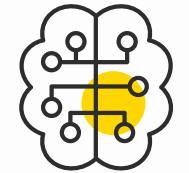
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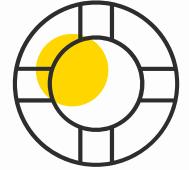
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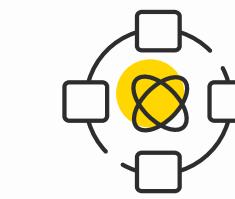
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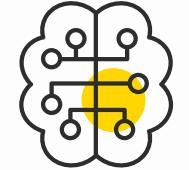
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