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**Possible Future Scenarios for SSI:**

- **Ideal**
  Full convergence on the core stack with by-default interoperability

- **Functional**
  Partial convergence on the core stack with detached ecosystems

- **Dysfunctional**
  No convergence on the core stack leading to isolated vendor ecosystems with lock-in

**Barriers and Challenges:**

- **Interoperability & Standards:** Needs to encompass DIDs, VCs, Protocols, DLTs and APIs
- **Governance:** Requires close collaboration and agreement between stakeholders
- **Security:** Lack of assessment, key-management and recovery challenges
- **Privacy:** Compatibility with data protection regulations

**SSI VALUES & BENEFITS**

- **Existence**
- **Control**
- **Access**
- **Transparency**
- **Portability**
- **Persistence**
- **Consent**
- **Minimization**

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