

Closing plenary session: From reality shock to action

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Technology has become a key tool in geopolitics, with nations questioning dependence on foreign tech for critical systems







For the stability of our societies, critical infrastructures need to function at all times As we move toward a digital state, our vulnerability from technology increases

Maximum Sovereignty / Autarky cannot be the goal or answer





Governments want to reduce risk as much as possible and secure **compliant digital** infrastructure



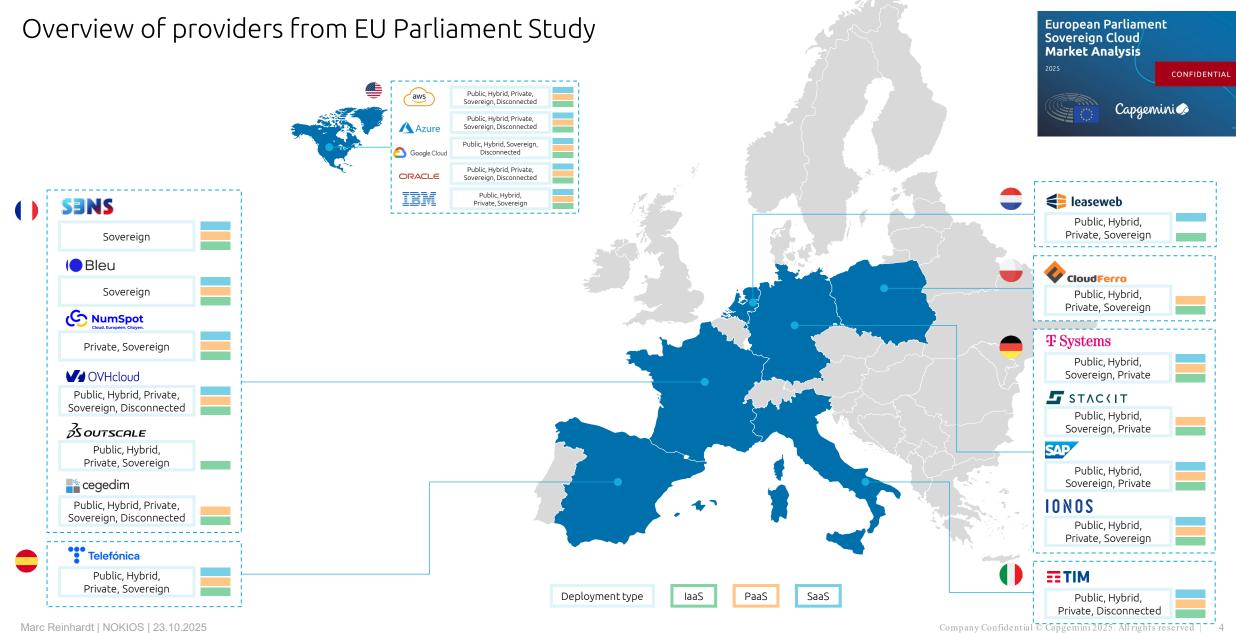


Sovereignty has a price – in increased complexity, sometimes lower functionality and higher cost

Decision-makers need to strike a balance rather than lean on one side only

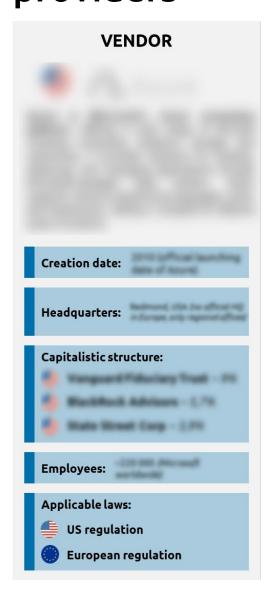
The European Parliament asked us to assess its cloud options



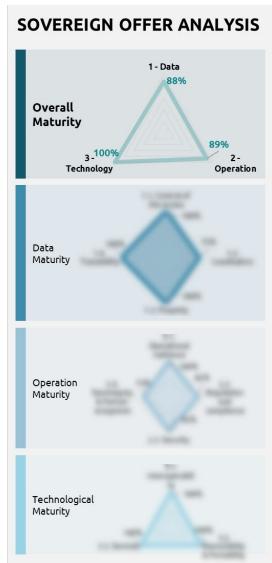


Based on their requirements, we evaluated nearly 20 possible providers











Norway seems to not have prioritized digital sovereignty so far





The Digital Sovereignty Index measures how 57 countries compare in terms of digital independence



Digital Sovereignty Index: How Countries Compare in Digital Independence, July 2025 Facilitated by NextCloud

In the end, Europe needs to avoid becoming a digital colony and become a global player in tech



Short-term moves

- Support European companies
- Motivate hyperscalers to adapt to and invest in Europe

Long-term moves

- Global leadership in next gen technologies like quantum and Al
- Build **sector -specific models** and specialized, local hyperscalers



To address these challenges, a strong European collaboration is needed



EuroStack as vision of a sovereign European digital infrastructure



Digital Sovereignty



Reducing reliance on U.S. and Chinese tech providers

Strategic goals

Economic Resilience



Creating high-skilled jobs and retain value in Europe

Innovation Leadership



Leading in ethical AI, quantum, and open-source ecosystems



Democratic Values



Embedding privacy, transparency, and inclusivity into digital systems

Environmental Sustainability



Promoting green computing and energy-efficient infrastructure

The scope may be ambitious, but we need to address all layers and plan for plausible scenarios — not just the likely ones

