

Executive Summary

# European Sovereign Stack Standard (ES<sup>3</sup>) Program

Sovereignty means: The ability to rise from the negotiating table at any time. Can you do that?



According to Bitkom,

# 82%

of companies in the German information economy say that their digital dependency on non-European service providers is due to a lack of adequate alternatives in Europe.

Source: Bitkom (2024): Digitale Souveränität - Status Quo und Handlungsfelder. Berlin: Bitkom e.V., p. 42.

## FOUR STEPS TO TECHNOLOGICAL INDEPENDENCE

### 01

#### ES<sup>3</sup> Lens (assessment tool)

Objective determination of the current maturity level of the customer

### 02

#### Marketplace orchestration

Tailored solutions for every demand

### 03

#### SML Seal

Top transparency thanks to the Sovereignty Maturity Level (SML) Framework

### 04

#### Network

Expert support for seamless implementation and long-term further development



## THE FIRST AUDITABLE STANDARD FOR DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY

ES<sup>3</sup> is our digital sovereignty program that makes the vague concept of digital sovereignty objectively measurable for the first time.

Level 4

### Future-Proof

Optimized. Robust.



Level 3

### Advanced

Structured. Consistent.



Level 2

### Managed

Documented. Rule-based.



Level 1

### Initial

Ad hoc. Not standardized.



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Our SML Framework is consistently oriented towards the 8 areas of the EU Cloud Sovereignty Framework (CSF), with the addition of a future-critical 9<sup>th</sup> dimension: **Artificial intelligence (AI)**.

## THE BENEFITS WE PROMISE

### Verified Auditability

No more sovereignty washing! The objective criteria of the framework have been verified and certified by the independent audit body BDO.



### Absolute Legal Security

The model has 100% European DNA at the highest level ("future-proof"). The consistent avoidance of US parent companies guarantees immunity from third-party accesses such as under the US CLOUD Act.

### AI Focus & EU Standard

The pioneering model is based on the specifications of the official EU Cloud Sovereignty Framework (CSF) but enhances this framework with a 9<sup>th</sup>, future-critical "Artificial Intelligence (AI)" dimension.

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\*As a sovereign European hyperscaler, we combine uncompromising technological capabilities with absolute legal security. As a platform with 100% European DNA, we consistently decouple technological growth from regulatory risk: Each scaling step only sees performance grow, while the legal scope of attack remains at zero.

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