

# **Digital Sovereignty and the Cloud: Everything is at stake**

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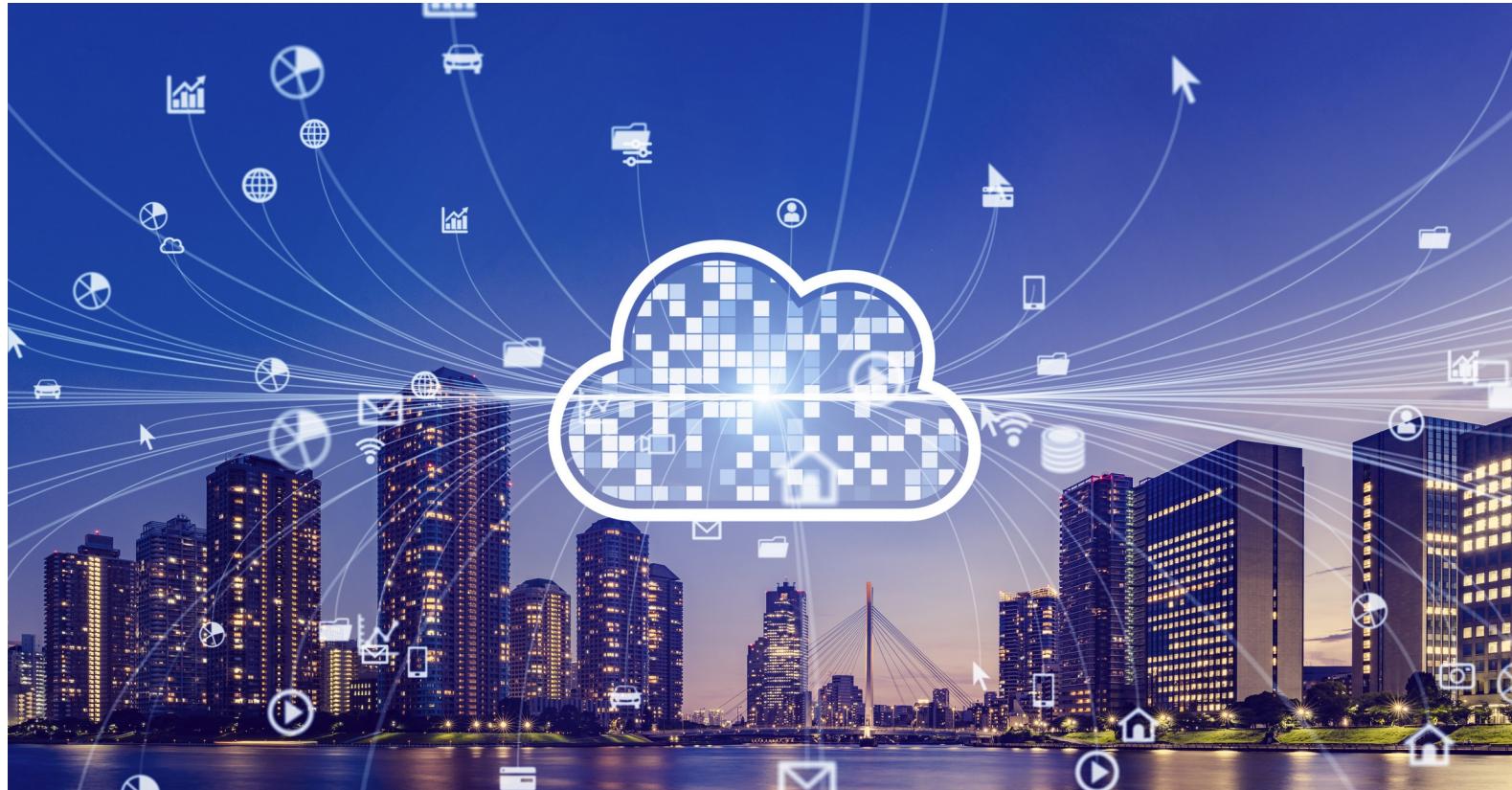
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# Introduction of myself

- CEO Univention GmbH
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# Promise of the Cloud



# New, innovative possibilities

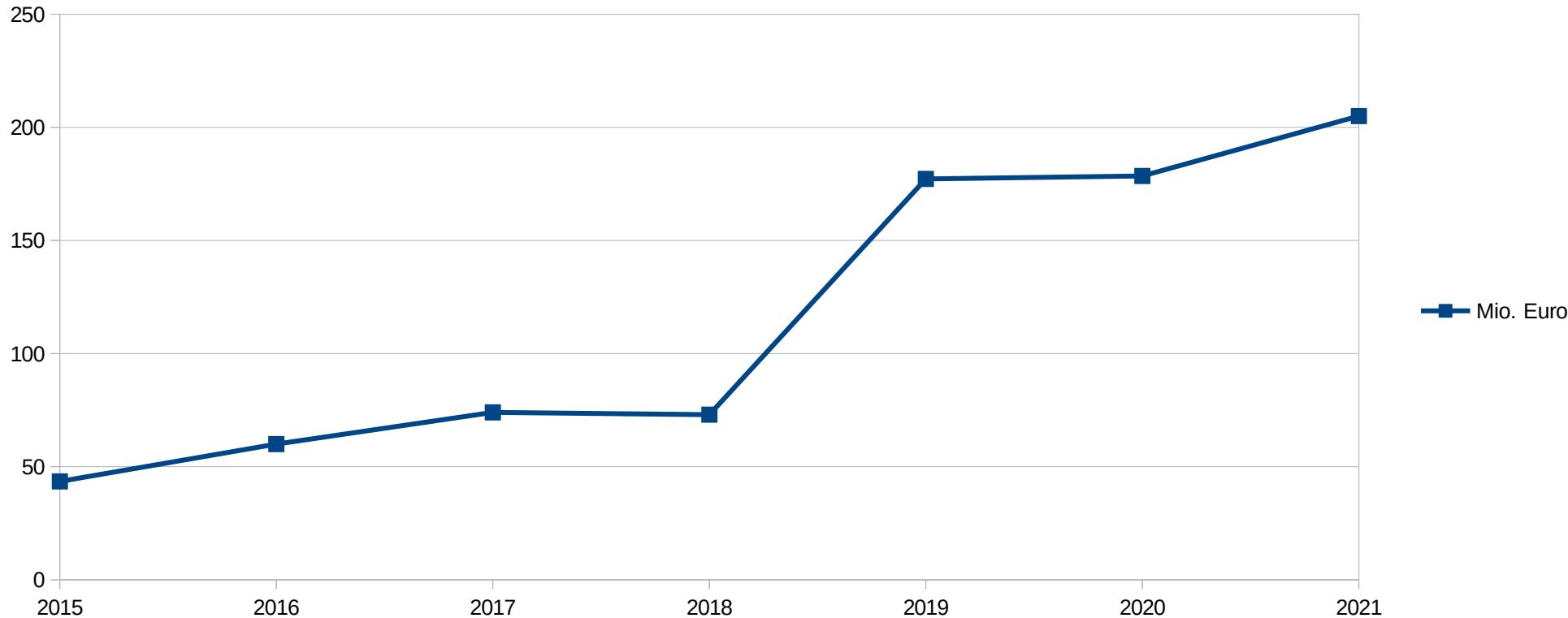




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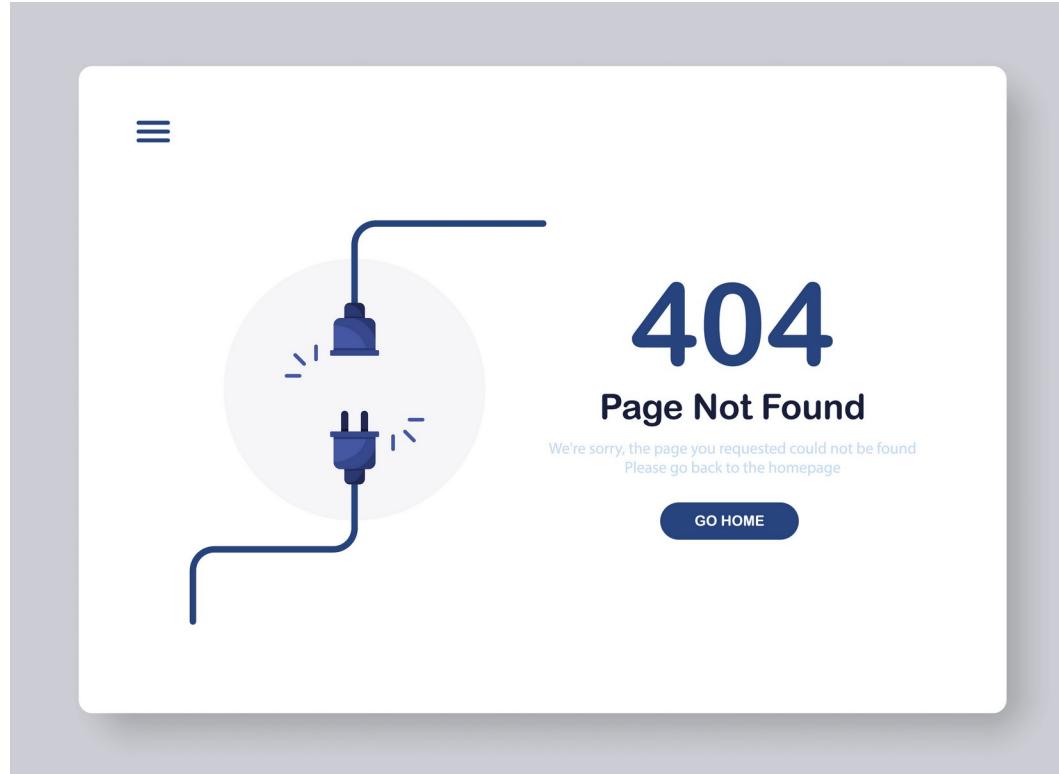
# Microsoft licence costs for Federal Administration



# Data Security: Cloud Act



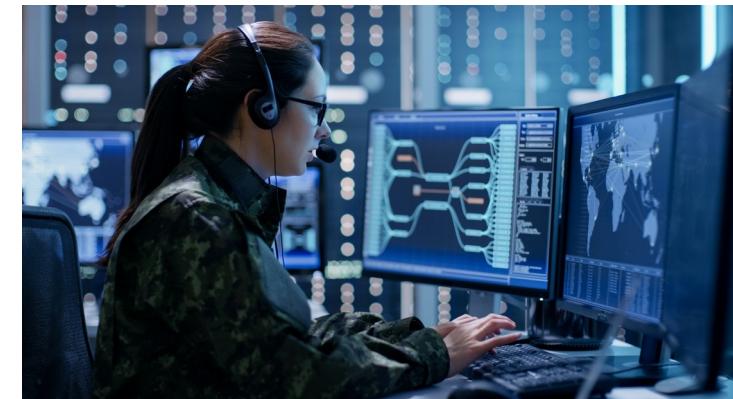
# Physical Dependence



# Losing ability to shape and innovate



# Our lives become more and more digitalized



# The importance of independence in crisis



Source: Financial Times online, 21.3.2022: <https://www.ft.com/content/b32bf4fc-608c-46fa-944b-0b3fe8642919>

## Biden congratulates France's Macron on re-election win

Reuters

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U.S. President Joe Biden  
meets with French  
President Emmanuel  
Macron ahead of the  
G20 summit in Rome,  
Italy October 29, 2021.

WASHINGTON, April 25 (Reuters) - U.S. President Joe Biden congratulated French President Emmanuel Macron on his re-election, the White House said on Monday following Macron's victory over far-right rival Marine Le Pen. [read more](#)

Source: <https://www.reuters.com/world/biden-congratulates-frances-macron-re-election-win-2022-04-25/>

# Le Pen / Trump

## Le Pen calls French election loss a 'brilliant victory'



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Promising to 'carry on' her political career, the 53-year-old vowed that she would 'never abandon' the French after losing with around 42 percent of the vote Christophe ARCHAMBAULT AFP

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Paris (AFP) – French far-right leader Marine Le Pen hailed her score in presidential elections on Sunday as a "brilliant victory", despite her projected defeat to Emmanuel Macron.

Source: <https://www.france24.com/en/live-news/20220424-le-pen-calls-french-election-loss-a-brilliant-victory>

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## 'Genius,' 'Savvy': Trump reacts to Putin's moves on Ukraine exactly as you'd expect



By Philip Bump

National correspondent

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President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin give a joint news conference at the Presidential Palace in Helsinki on July 16, 2018. (Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP)

Source: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2022/02/22/trump-reacts-putins-invasion-ukraine-exactly-youd-expect/>

# “Dirty” Technologies



# The meaning of Digital Sovereignty

- **1.** Ability to decide what happens with self generated and stored data (**Data Sovereignty**)
- This is the basis for trustworthiness of communication
- **2.** Ability to act self-determined and **shape** and **innovate** the IT according to one's own vision and requirements
- So **Digital Sovereignty** is the ability to **control** and to **shape**
- But it does not mean autarky or protectionism!

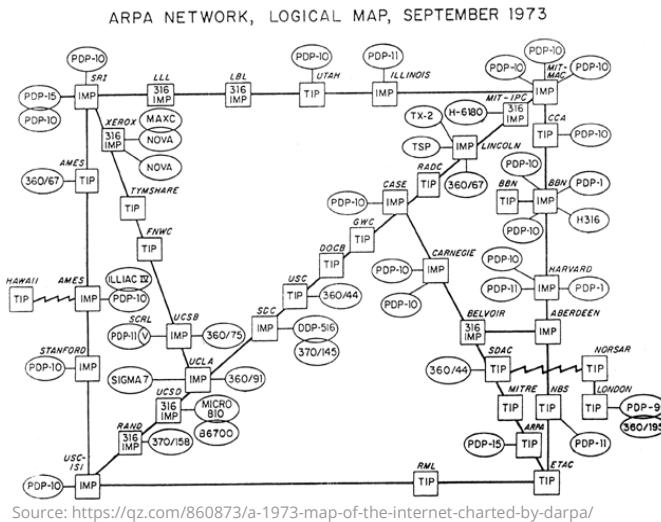
## Five reasons for digital sovereignty

- **Reduction of Dependencies:** it's not about autarky or being cut off from world trade, but about being able to say "no"
- **Security:** protection of trustworthy communication and data only possible if the systems used can be considered secure
- **Innovation Capability:** involves creation of innovations of one's own - no doorkeepers to determine which changes are to be made and under what conditions
- **Competitiveness:** more and more processes depend on IT, realization of appropriate margins becomes increasingly difficult
- **Resilience:** in crisis, it is important to be able to take alternative paths; only possible if there are options for action and design

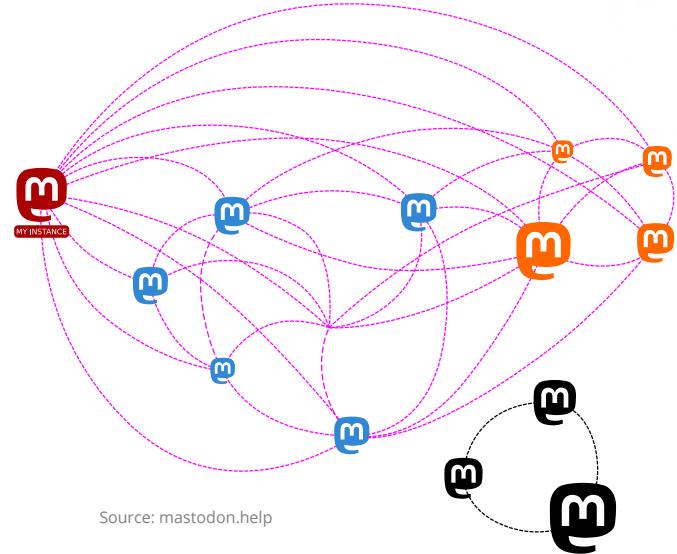
# Open Standards



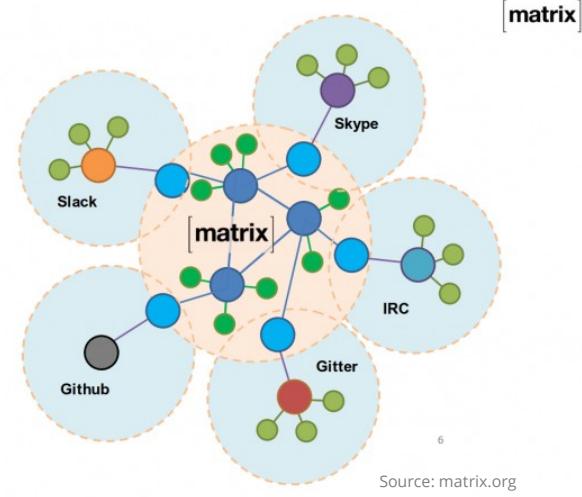
# Federation



Source: <https://qz.com/860873/a-1973-map-of-the-internetcharted-by-darpa/>



Source: mastodon.help

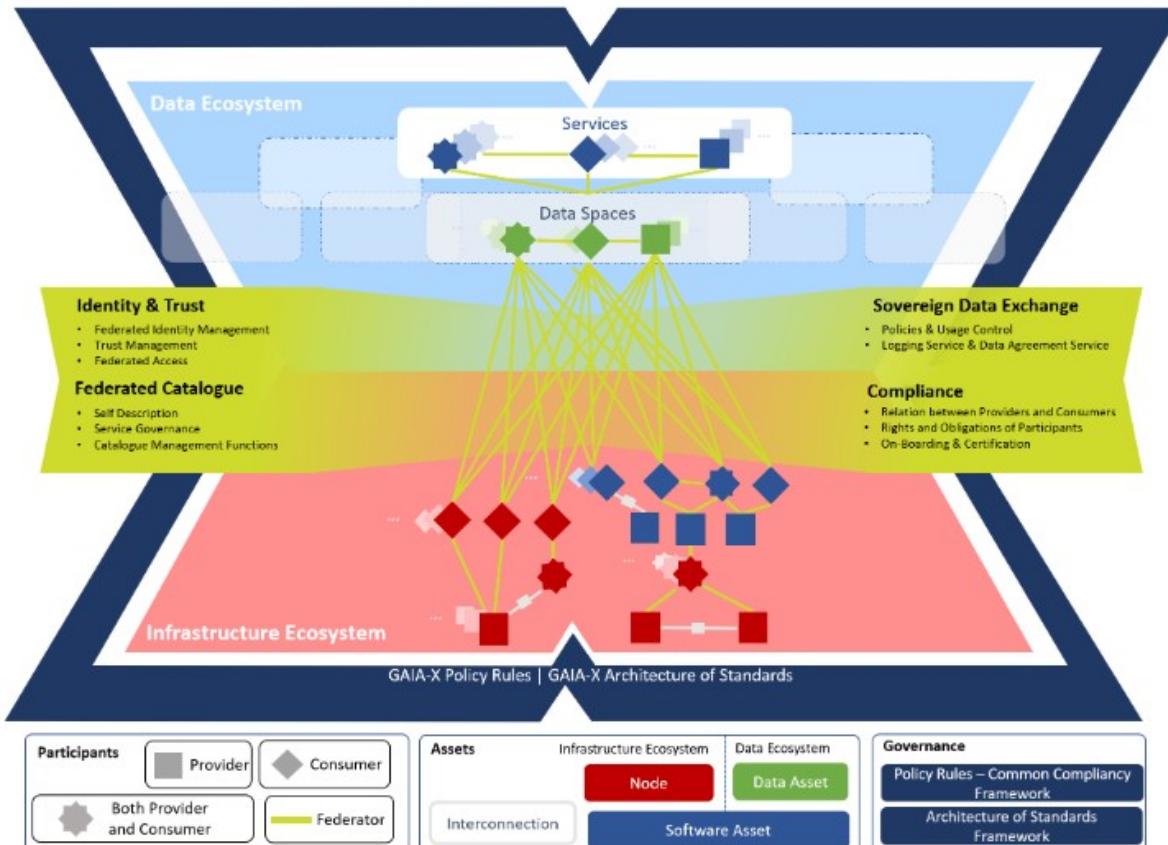


Source: matrix.org

## Open Source as a basis for

- Control of the code
- Trustworthiness of communication and data exchange
- Resilience
- Scalability
- Federation – everyone controls a little bit





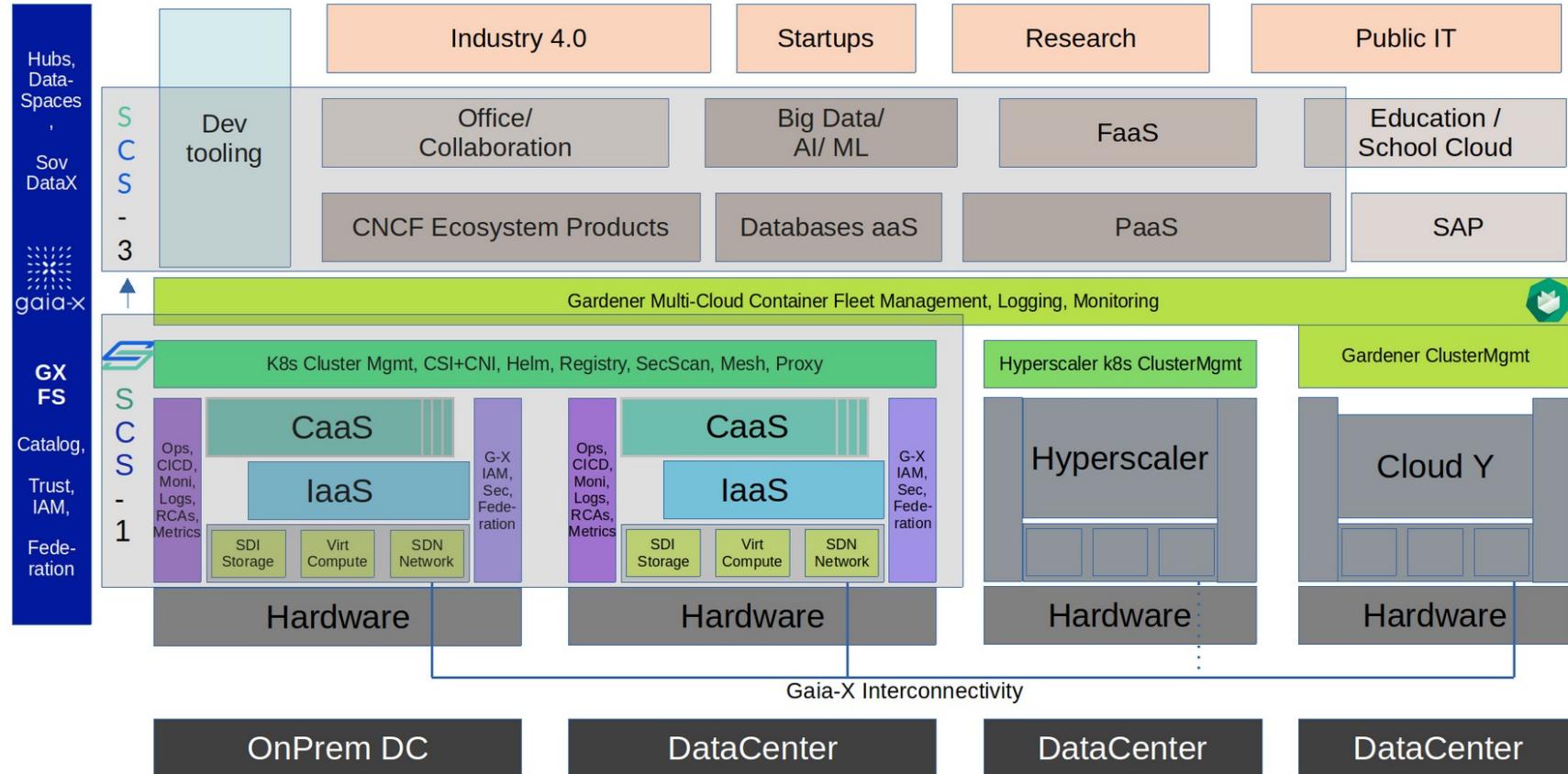
# Sovereign Cloud Stack

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**ALLIANCE**  
Bundesverband für digitale Souveränität e.V.



# Many open, federated services available



# Phoenix sovereign workplace

The screenshot shows a web browser window with three tabs: "Phoenix Portal", "Dateien - Nextcloud", and "E-Mail - User Peter - OX A". The main content area displays the "Phoenix Portal" interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with icons for search, notifications, and other functions. Below it is a header with a logo of a stylized bird and the text "Groupware". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Groupware:** Icons for E-Mail, Kalender, Kontakte, and Aufgaben.
- Dateien:** A red callout box highlights the "Dateien" section, which includes icons for Dateien, Bilder, and Aktivitäten. A sub-menu for "Dateien verwalten, bearbeiten und teilen" is shown above these icons, with a "Neuer Tab" link.
- dataport**: A logo consisting of the word "dataport" in a lowercase sans-serif font, with four vertical bars of increasing height to its right.

## What are the key takeaways?

- the promise of the cloud is great, but still fraught with **problems**, e.g. the **dependence** on hyperscalers and **lack of confidence** in safety of data and communication
- Clouds need to be designed using **interoperability** and **federation** as core architectural principals based on **Open Source** and **open standards**
- with the **Sovereign Cloud Stack** there is already a solution in production, that allows for that
- on top of this we can build many great and **open cloud services**

# Thank you for your attention!

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