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1 Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to examine, expand and define the organization's current dependency on non-EU technology, evaluate the key risks associated with this direction, analyse and propose EU alternatives. The goal is to identify and map a road to digital Sovereignty.

The current political climate is quite inhospitable and it has become apparent that world leaders make drastic, snap decisions that bring large implication to the technological landscape, where big tech can be leveraged as political thus inherently changing the risk of reliance on such services. Thus companies, with such reliances, risks getting caught in the crossfire.

Services where there is a heavy reliance, from companies such as *Microsoft*, which hosts Azure Active Directory (AD), used for identity management and *SharePoint* and *OneDrive*, which Lifeline Health Technologies (LHT) uses as a file sharing service, could suddenly become unavailable.

A loss of this service, which would be tantamount to loss of many years of technological IPs and achievements which could lead to unquantifiable damage to the company. Thus, in this inclement weather, a EU alternative for these services, is quintessential.

The main findings of this report is an overreliance on

- Microsoft Azure Services, where cloud hosting is indeterminate and jurisdictional exposure is somewhat vague. Thus EU laws may be hard to apply
- process and regulatory mismatches - Data is easily given up to 3rd party cloud services without regard for compliance (EU MDR)
- A thorough documentation is needed of other cloud solutions, specifically regarding SaaS tools
- main risks

Examples for some EU-alternatives :

- Univention - German based software for identity & access management. A self hosted AD, requiring a virtual machine. Can then handle all authentication, along with other features such as single sign-on (SSO) and multifactor authentication (MFA)
- Scaleway - A cloud hosting service, to host VM's for infrastructure purposes.

Thus Univention can be hosted by Scaleway, thus removing the dependency on a Microsoft service. In addition, the company's productivity suite, can be replaced by libre-office

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