

POLICY PAPER OVERVIEW

Strategic Autonomy

A roadmap for digital sovereignty, and why the branch plant era is ending

INTENDED FOR	Governments, economists, policy makers, C-level leaders in private enterprise, and technology partners evaluating digital sovereignty and technology cost exposure
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Why This Paper

Governments that host data locally but run it on foreign controlled platforms discover, usually during a legal dispute, that geography does not equal jurisdiction. This paper sets out why that gap matters now, drawing on a French Senate hearing, the EU's proposed Cloud and AI Development Act, and French and German moves on applications and AI platforms. It closes with a phased roadmap, from dependency audit to exit paths for AI.

At a Glance

15% EU based providers' share of the EU cloud market in 2022, down from 29% in 2017	4 Union assurance levels proposed for public sector cloud	Jun 2025 French Senate hearing: Microsoft France could not guarantee against US access	17% SaaS tools in a Canadian analysis that are Canadian owned
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What the Full Paper Covers

- **The legal gap:** why hosting data locally does not settle who can compel access, and what a French Senate hearing put on the record.
- **Europe's response:** the Cloud and AI Development Act, and France and Germany acting on applications and AI platforms.
- **Canada and Nova Scotia:** what the federal framework commits to, and the software gap it leaves.
- **The roadmap:** four phases from dependency audit to hardware and AI exit paths.

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