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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The European Cloud Sovereignty Framework¹ in its published form summarises the criteria by which cloud solutions will be evaluated in the ongoing competition for Sovereign Cloud under the 'Cloud III' Dynamic Purchasing System. Access to the detailed specifications is limited to the participants of that competition pursuant to applicable procurement rules.

Sovereignty Objective 2 'Legal & Jurisdictional Sovereignty' received a weighting that is balanced and comparable to the weighting of the other seven objectives. As stated on page 6 of the document, the weighting of Sovereignty Objective SOV-2 considers relevant safeguards otherwise ensured in the procurement procedure, including minimum requirements, mandatory contractual clauses and technical measures.

The Commission further underlines that while each Sovereignty Objective counts towards a global 'Sovereignty Score', a cloud solution must also achieve a certain minimum threshold in each objective. This design ensures a holistic and comprehensive implementation of the sovereign objectives, because insufficient performance in one objective cannot simply be compensated by higher scores in others.

In consequence, the Commission considers all criteria to be appropriately represented in the scoring.

¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/09579818-64a6-4dd5-9577-446ab6219113_en.