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The Commission takes seriously the vulnerabilities created by dependencies on digital solutions from non-EU-controlled companies. They may threaten security, data sovereignty and EU-law compliance, and create vendor lock-in. The Commission Roadmap and High-Level Group report¹ confirm these concerns.

The Commission does not comment on individual companies or national procurement decisions. Addressing these concerns is central to the Tech Sovereignty Package².

The proposed Cloud and AI Development Act³ would establish a cloud and AI sovereignty framework, enabling evidence-based assessment of sovereignty credentials and helping public administrations use services at the required level for critical services.

The Open Source Strategy⁴ promotes secure, transparent open-source tools for public administrations and stronger European alternatives across the technology stack. The Commission supports development, industrial scale-up and joint procurement of sovereign defence solutions through the European Defence Fund (EDF), the European Defence Industry Programme (EDIP) and the Security Action for Europe (SAFE).

Non-discrimination is a core EU value under the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union⁵. The Commission is committed to ensuring digital solutions respect fundamental rights, rules and values. The AI Act⁶ sets clear rules for high-risk AI systems, including in law enforcement. Through the European AI Office, the Commission works with national authorities to implement, supervise and enforce it.

¹ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/networks/high-level-group-hlg-access-data-effective-law-enforcement_en#concluding-report.

² https://commission.europa.eu/news-and-media/news/strengthening-europes-tech-sovereignty-2026-06-03_en.

³ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/policies/cloud-and-ai-development-act>.

⁴ <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/communication-european-tech-sovereignty-accompanied-eu-open-source-strategy>.

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:12012P/TXT>.

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R1689>.