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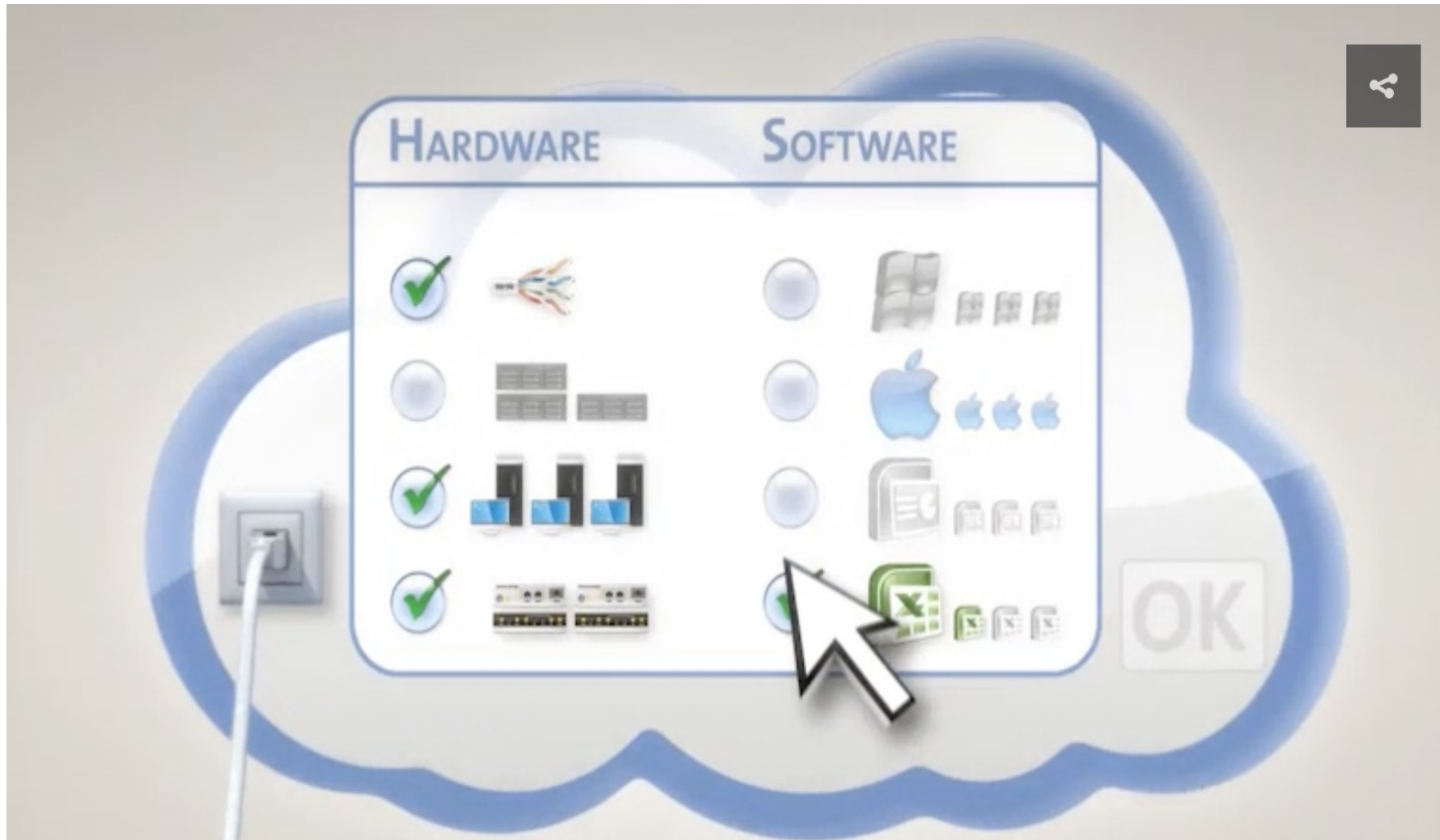
Common standards, software and practices for a network of SCS clouds

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Der Traum von der Wolke...



Quelle: Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Technologie 2010

...und die Realität

- Über 80 % der Unternehmen in Europa fühlen sich technologisch abhängig.¹
- Amazon, Microsoft, Alphabet (Google) beherrschen den Markt.²
- Vendor lock-in³
- Inkompabilität bei Infrastrukturen, Plattformen und Applikationen
- US Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)  EU DSGVO
- hohe Komplexität dynamischer, verteilter Plattformen im Betrieb
- Fachkräftemangel

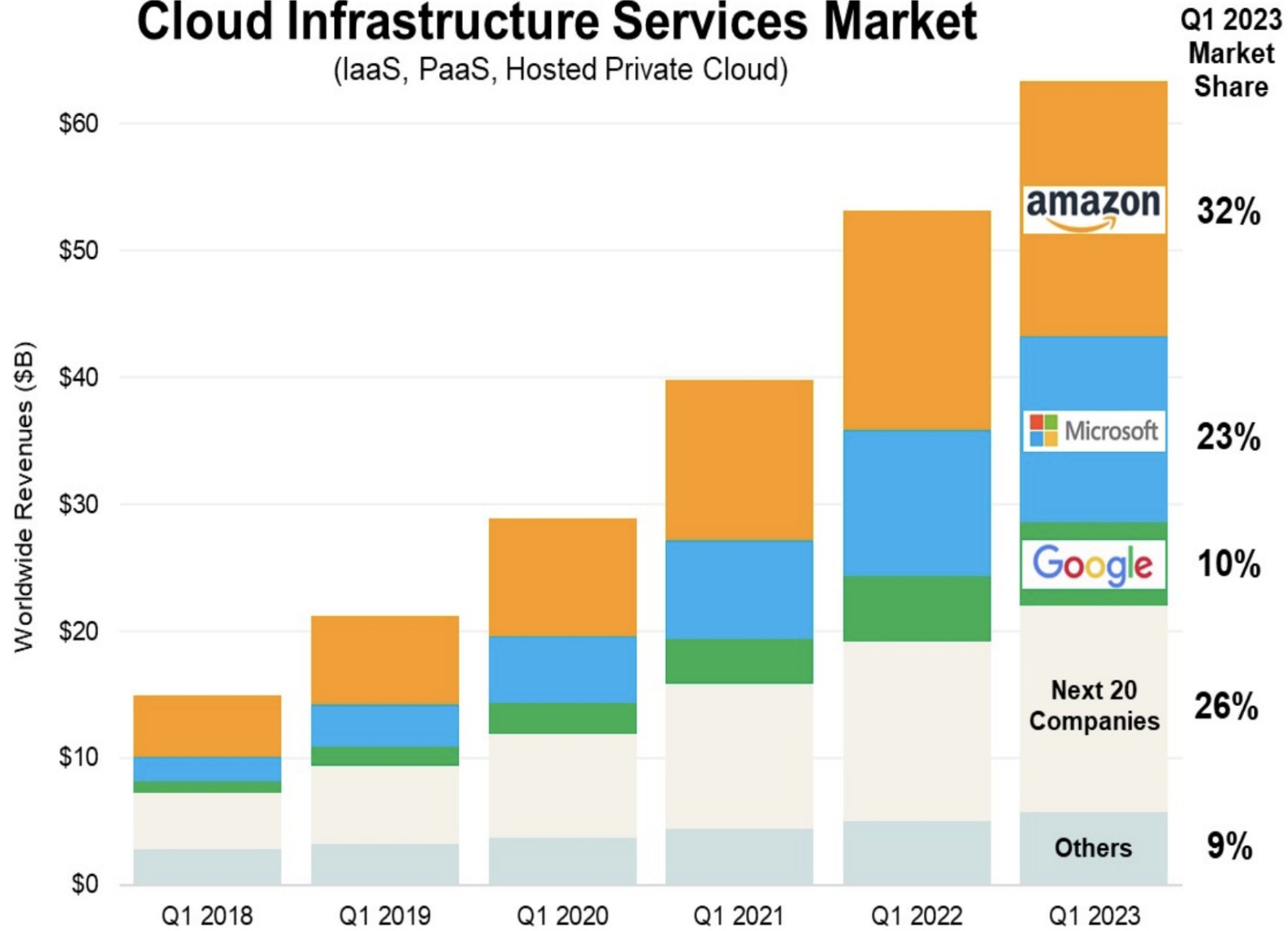
1 ZEW – Leibniz-Zentrum für Europäische Wirtschaftsforschung: „Schwerpunktstudie Digitale Souveränität 2021“ Hrsg.: Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Energie (Oktober 2021)

2 <https://www.srgresearch.com/articles/huge-cloud-market-is-still-growing-at-34-per-year-amazon-microsoft-and-google-now-account-for-65-of-all-cloud-revenues>

3 https://www.cio.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/Webs/CIO/DE/digitale-loesungen/marktanalyse-reduzierung-abhaengigkeit-software-anbieter.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=1

Cloud Infrastructure Services Market

(IaaS, PaaS, Hosted Private Cloud)



Source: Synergy Research Group












Digitale Wertschöpfung & Marktmacht

Die Top100 größten börsennotierten Unternehmen der Welt

Nach Marktkapitalisierung

Zum Vergleich (Market Cap):

 GER 2,2 Bio. EUR (2023)

	Name	Land 	Umsatz (EUR)	Gewinn (EUR)	↓ Market Cap (EUR)
# 1	 Microsoft Corp. Registered Shares DL-,00000625		192,4 Mrd.	65,7 Mrd.	3,0 Bio.
# 2	 Apple		355,6 Mrd.	90,0 Mrd.	2,7 Bio.
# 3	 Alphabet Inc. Reg. Shs Cl. A DL-,001		282,5 Mrd.	67,9 Mrd.	1,9 Bio.
# 4	 Amazon.com		533,2 Mrd.	28,2 Mrd.	1,8 Bio.
# 5	 Meta Platforms Inc. Reg.Shares Cl.A DL-,000006		125,1 Mrd.	36,3 Mrd.	1,0 Bio.

Source: Finanzen 100, June 2024

Koalitionsvertrag Ampel

- "sichern digitale Souveränität"
- ...Recht auf Interoperabilität, Portabilität...

Open Washing - "souveräne Clouds" ?

Der AWS Digital Sovereignty Pledge in der Praxis

Mit dem [AWS Digital Sovereignty Pledge](#) verpflichten wir uns, AWS-Kunden die fortschrittlichsten Souveränitätskontrollen und -funktionen zu bieten, die in der Cloud verfügbar sind. Wir verpflichten uns, unsere Funktionen zu erweitern, damit Sie Ihre Anforderungen an die digitale Souveränität erfüllen können, ohne die Leistung, Innovation, Sicherheit oder den Umfang der AWS-Cloud zu beeinträchtigen.

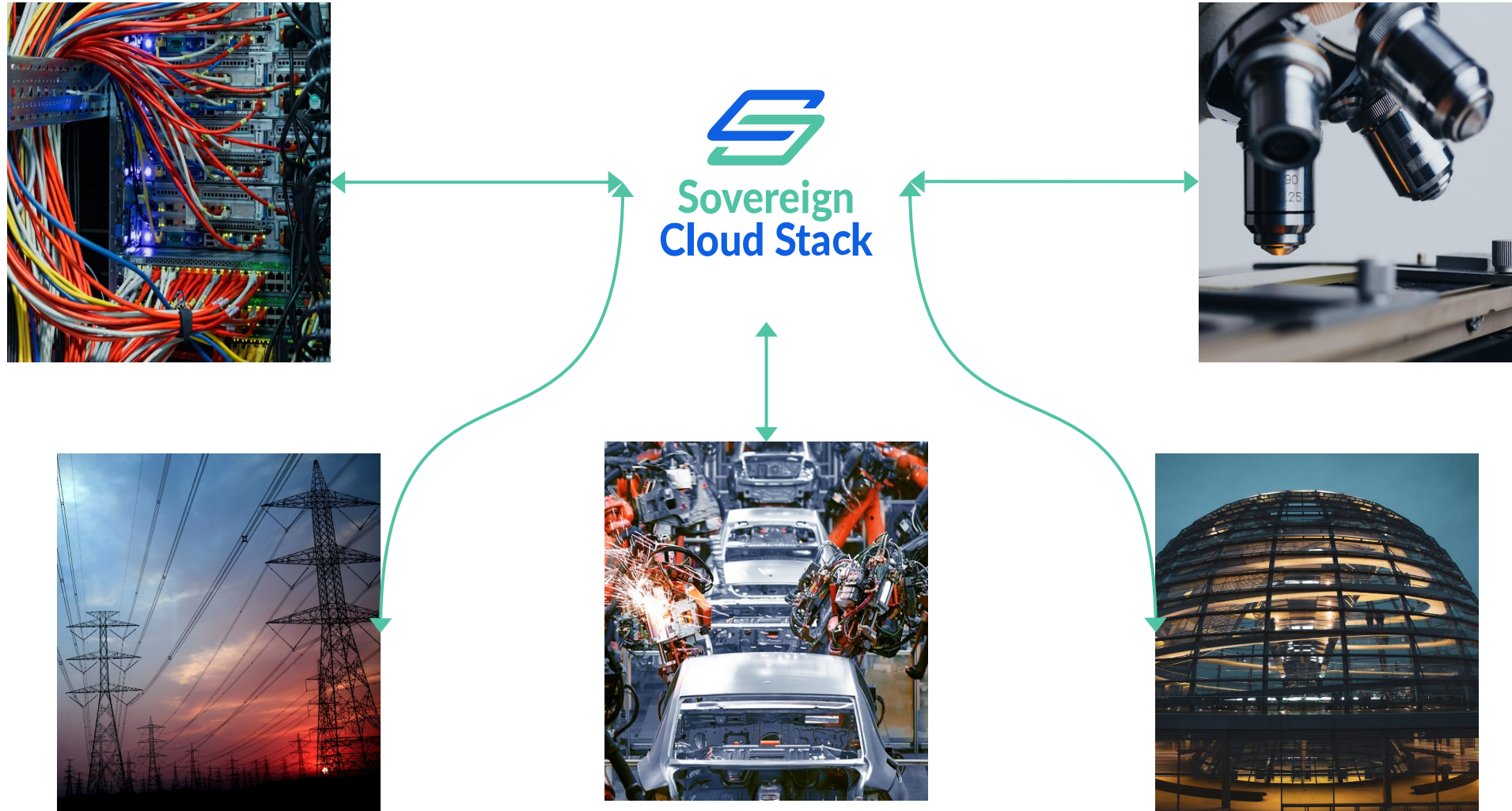
Google Sovereign Cloud

Die umfassendste und flexibelste Lösung für Kunden, um Anforderungen an Daten-, Betriebs- und Softwarehoheit zuversichtlich zu erfüllen.



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the DeLOS Cloud website. The logo 'DeLOS CLOUD' is on the left. The navigation menu includes 'Home', 'Produkte', 'Schulung', and 'Neuigkeit'. Below the navigation bar is a large banner with a dark green background and a woman's face on the right. The text on the banner reads: 'Gemeinsam souverän' in blue and 'Die Cloud für den öffentlichen Dienst' in white.

Sovereign Cloud Stack bringt Entwickler und Anwender sektorübergreifend zusammen, um Cloud-Technologie gemeinsam zu standardisieren und zu entwickeln.



imagine a Cloud Platform...

... where users can easily switch between
different cloud service providers without being
locked in.

- für Kunden
 - **Wechselfähigkeit**, Wettbewerb, Wahlmöglichkeiten durch standardisierte Technologie
 - **Transparenz** durch Offenheit im Code, im Design, im Betrieb
 - **Gestaltungsfähigkeit** durch Kontaktmöglichkeiten zu Service Providern und Community
- für **Cloud Service Provider (public or private)**
 - „**Turnkey Solution**“: betriebsfähiger, produktionsreifer vollständiger Stack, modular, inkl. Betriebstools
 - **Föderierung**: Skalierbarkeit („Virtual Hyperscaler“)
 - „**Open Knowledge**“: frei zugängliches Knowhow durch umfassende Dokumentation und Community
- für **Applikationsentwickler**
 - **Plattformunabhängigkeit** durch Standardisierung

Sovereign Cloud Stack Deliverables



Certifiable Standards



Modular Open Source
Reference Implementation



Operational Knowledge

What is sovereignty?

Levels of Digital Sovereignty

4: Operational Transparency and -
knowledge available

3: Technological Transparency and
ability to influence and innovate

2: Free provider choice (also after initial
choice, in-and-out-sourcing
(on-prem/public)

1: Following legal requirements (GDPR)

0: None

SCS Levels of Certifications

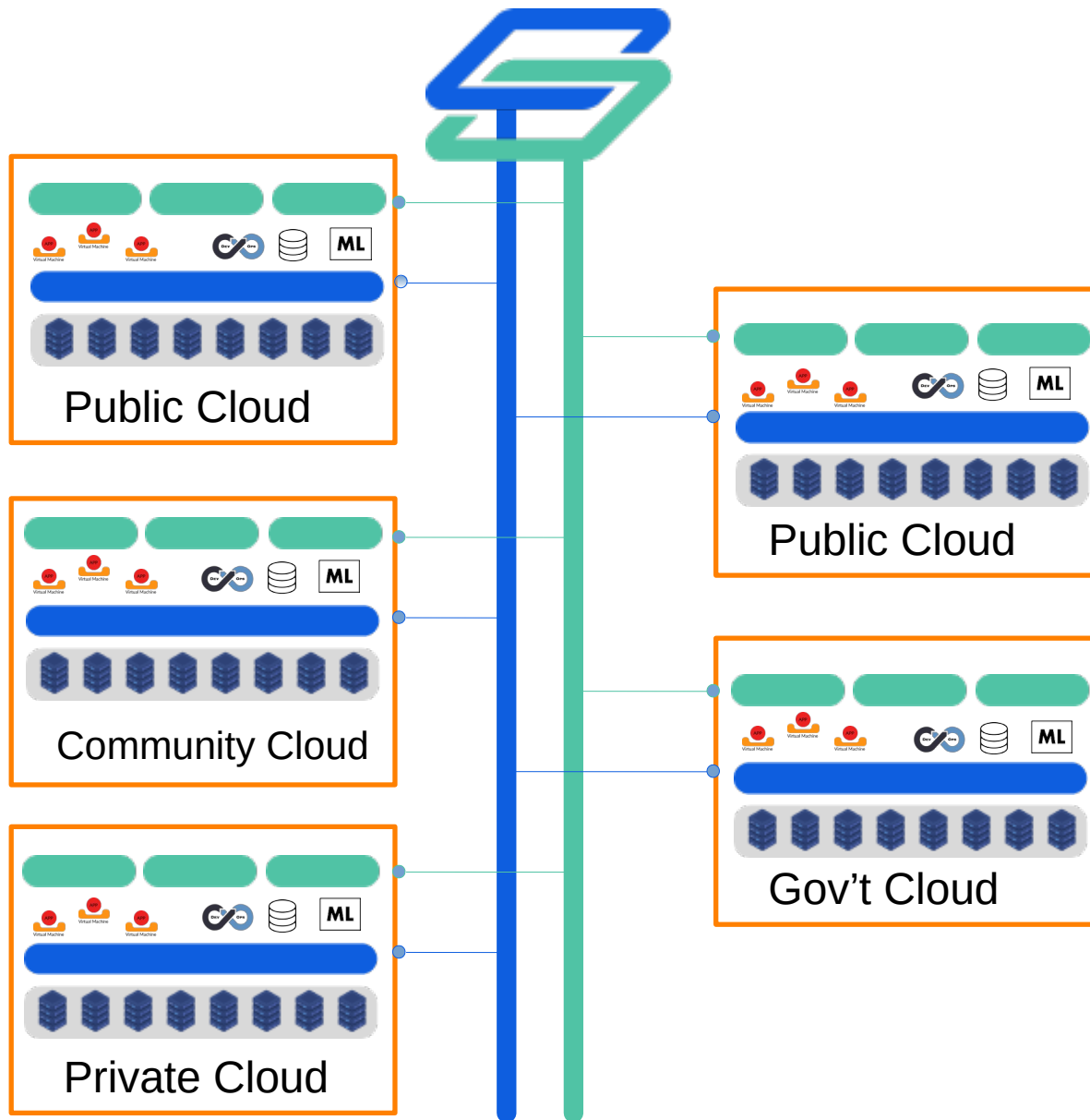
4: “SCS-sovereign” – Ops/IAM Module OSS too,
Monitoring and Event Transparency, Contribution to
Open Operations (5 x open)

3: “SCS-open” – SBOM of functional stack available
and complete OSS (4 x open)

2: “SCS-compatible” – Technical compatibility
(automated conformity tests: CNCF, OIF, SCS)

1: Defined and checked outside of SCS
(rely on ENISA / Gaia-X labels / EU-CS)

Federated Infrastructure



Built on Common standards

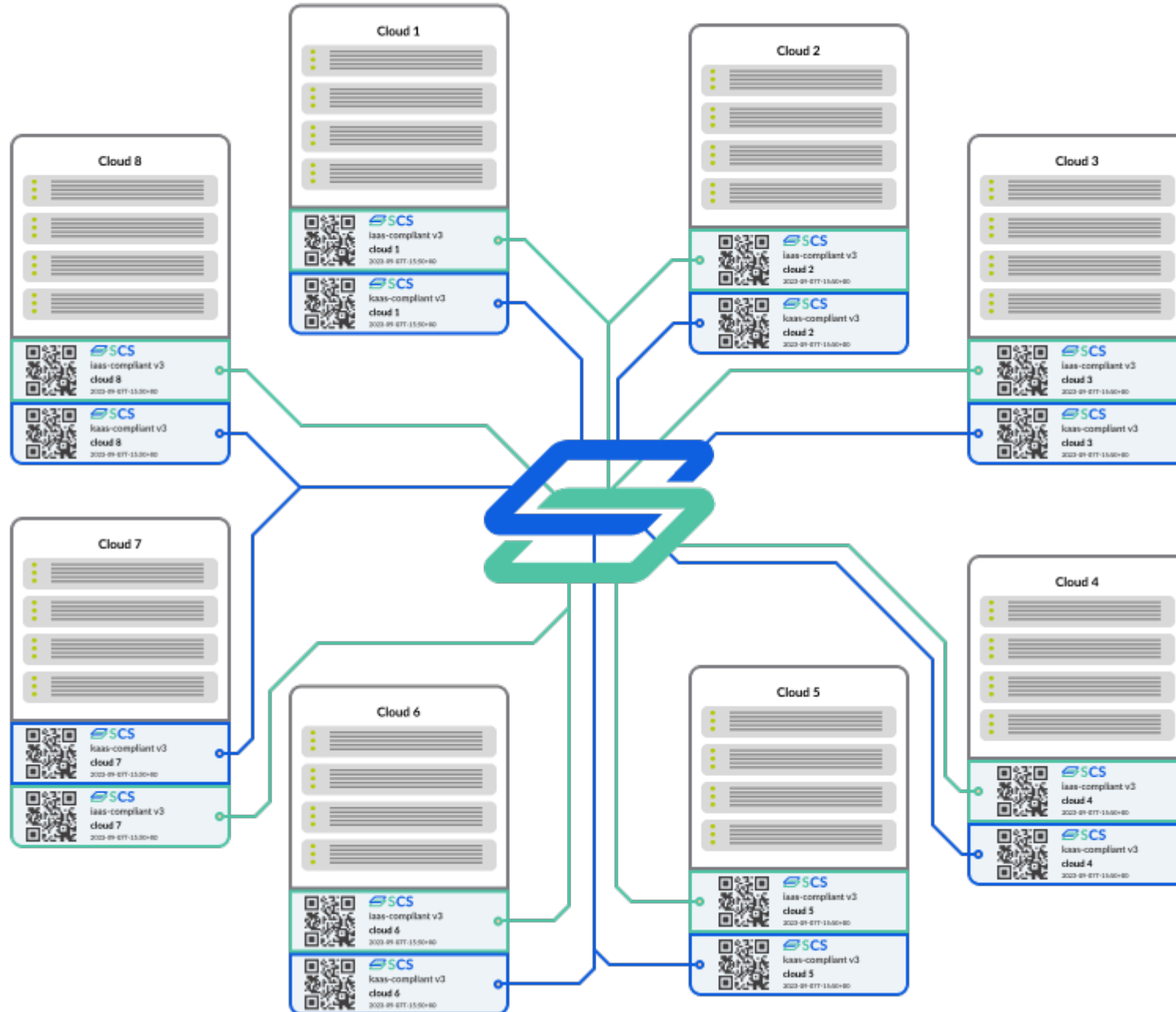
... for users of cloud services to enable mobility of workloads

... for cloud service providers to offer standardized lock-in-less services

... for the ecosystem to build knowledge and skills on a common technical and organizational foundation


... for solution providers that want to build on a common platform

SCS = an open, federated, virtual Hyperscaler



Existing public providers

← → ↻ https://docs.scs.community/standards/certification/overview

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Compliant cloud environments

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Public quality assurance: Continuous monitoring of SCS clouds for security (not shown here), SCS standards conformance and health.

Health Monitor dashboard: Public realtime monitoring of errors and performance

Daily updated standard conformity result (here: IaaS SCS-compatible)

SCS-based infrastructures and services

plusseryer

CLOUD
& HEAT

secunet

Syself

 **REGIO**
Digital für Deutschland

 OSISM

 **dNation**
MAKING CLOUD EASY

 **wavestack**

aov
IT.Services GmbH

 **artcodix**

 **ScaleUp**
Technologies

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Govstack: SCS as the reference for sovereign cloud infrastructure

← → ↻ <https://govstack.gitbook.io/cloud-infrastructure/2-description> 📄 ☆



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Cloud Infrastructure

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3 Terminology

4 Key Digital Functionalities

5 Cross-Cutting Requirements

6 Functional Requirements

7 Data Structures

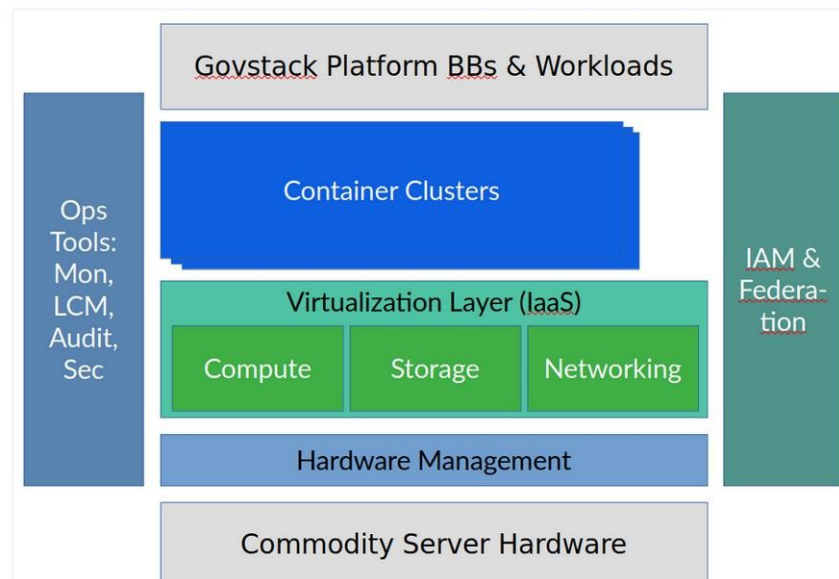
8 Service APIs

9 Internal Workflows

10 Other Resources

While many organizations have benefitted from gradually adapting their workloads to take advantage of the automation possibilities of cloud computing, the IT industry witnesses a new generation of workloads that has been designed from the ground up to take full advantage of the possibilities of cloud infrastructure; auto-scaling stateless services on-demand to the current level of load and automating a lot of the operational tasks that would otherwise be done manually by operations teams. These workloads are called cloud-native. While the first wave of these were based on virtual machines (VMs), we see a second, larger wave of these that leverage container technologies. In many cases, these containers run on top of virtual machines, thus allowing to balance good developer abstractions and fast scalability (where container technologies excel) with flexibility and isolation requirements (the strength of virtualization technology). In dedicated environments however, it can be beneficial to cut out the complexity of a virtualization layer and to run containers on bare-metal.

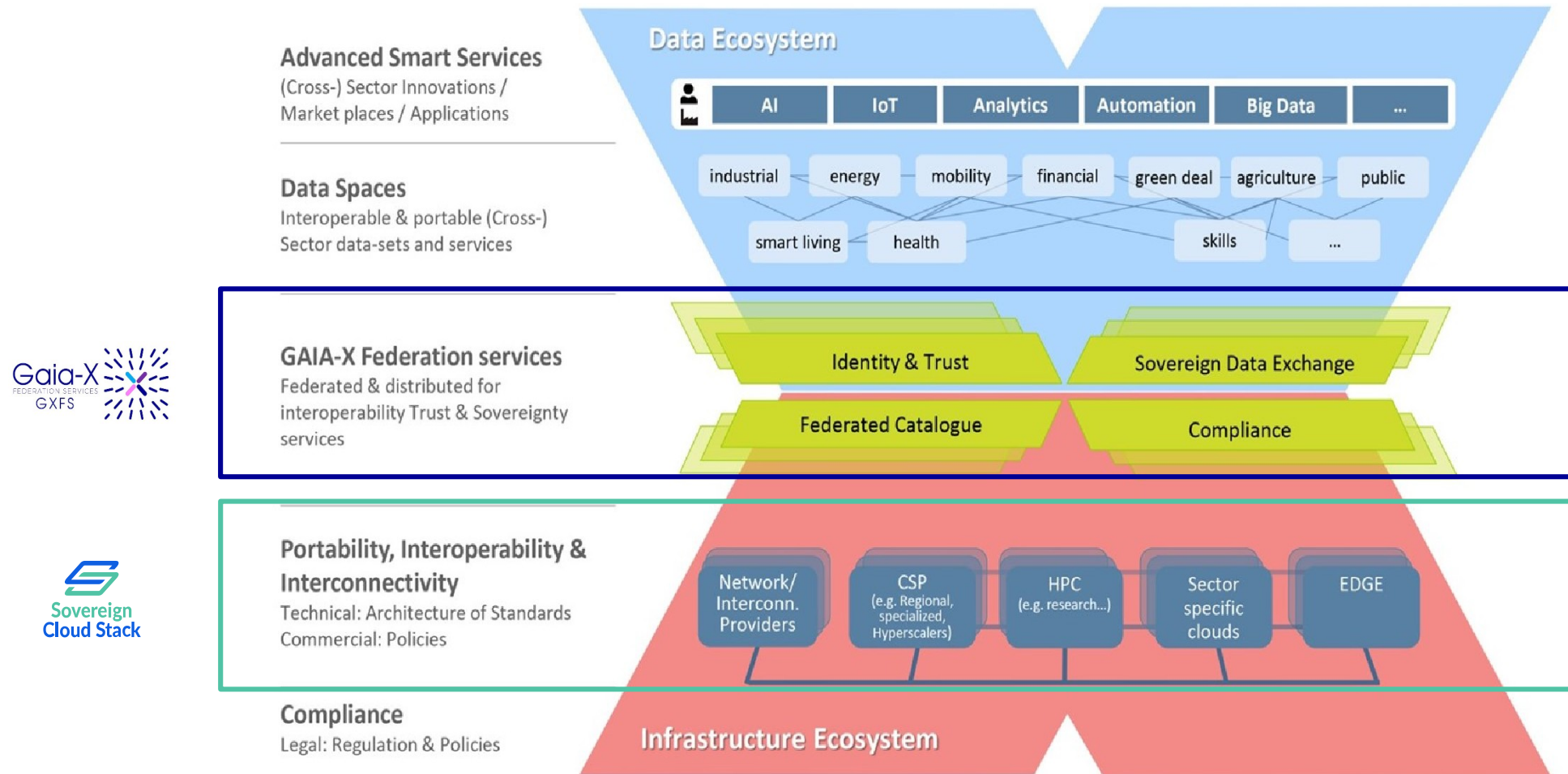
In all cases, users of the technology should consider the dependencies on providers of technology and infrastructure and take deliberate decisions on all components of the technology stack required to develop and run their workloads.



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SCS liefert Infrastrukturschicht für Gaia-X Federation Services



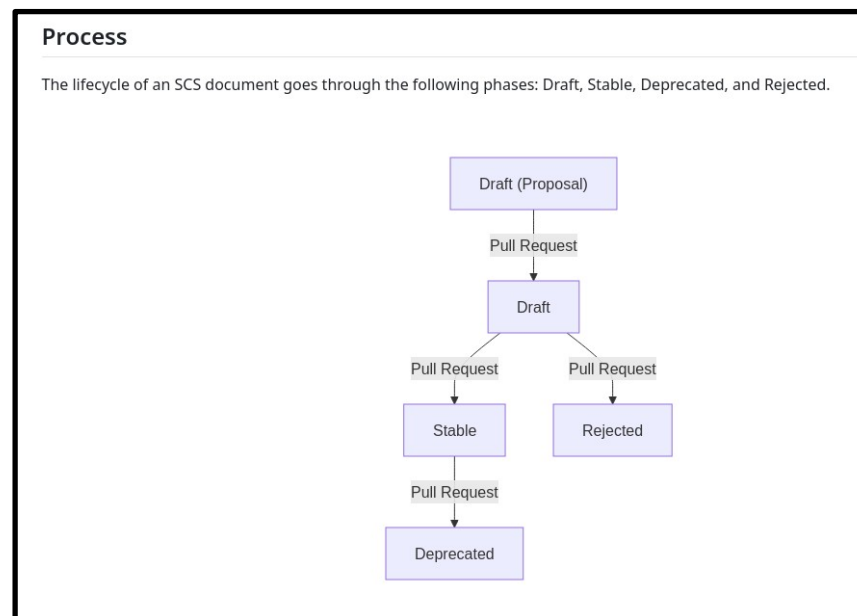
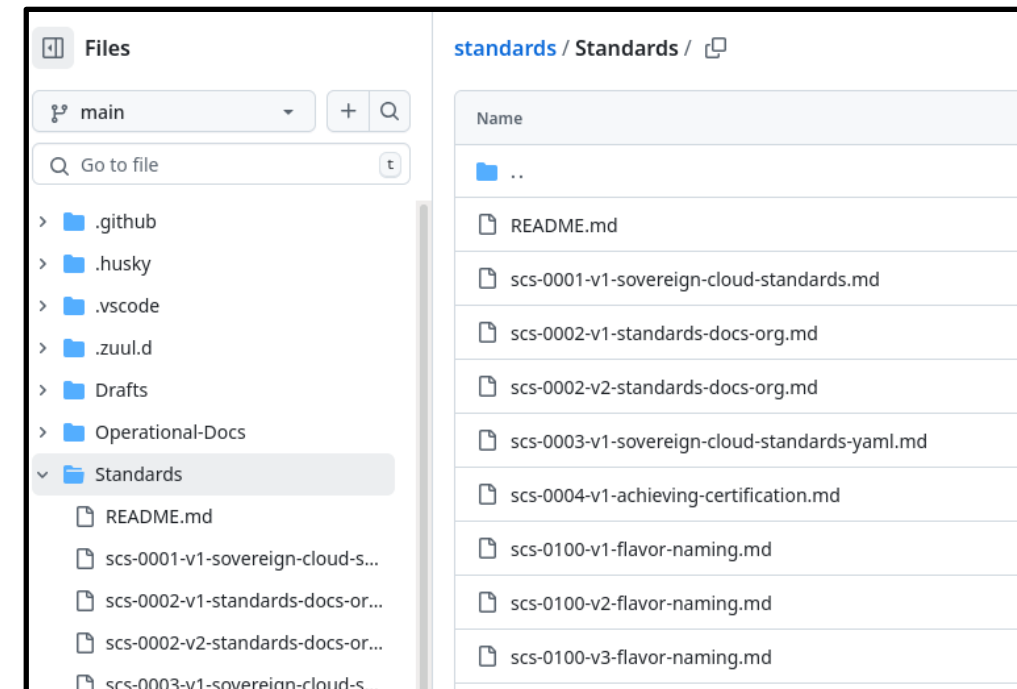
SCS Standards

Intro to SCS Standards

- **Standards of cloud platforms enforce interoperability**
- **We look at IaaS, KaaS and tooling as well as operational procedures**
- **Types of standards in SCS:**
 - 1) Procedural: describes a process, a policy or a guideline to which the SCS community adheres.
 - 2) Standard: describes a technical standard for SCS compliant clouds
 - 3) Decision Record: documentation of complex technical decisions during development
 - 4) Supplement: extends a Standard with additional information, such as implementation and testing notes

Collaboration via Github

- **Repo <https://github.com/SovereignCloudStack/standards>**
 - Standard documents as Markdown files
 - Compliance test suite in Python, with YAML as data/variable storage
 - Additional tooling, drafts etc.



Standards on docs.scs.community

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Ops	>

Global Standards

This track encompasses the foundational standards that guide the overall structure, documentation, and general topics related to the Cloud Stack. It serves as the core framework, ensuring consistency, clarity, and comprehensibility across all aspects of the cloud stack in an environment where information is easily accessible and understood.

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Standard	Description	Draft	Effective	Deprecated*
scs-0001	Sovereign Cloud Standards	-	v1	-
scs-0002	Standards, Docs and Organisation	v2	v1	-
scs-0003	Sovereign Cloud Standards YAML	v1	-	-
scs-0004	Regulations for achieving SCS-compatible certification	v1	-	-

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IaaS Standards

The IaaS Layer Standards track focuses on the protocols, guidelines, and specifications that govern the infrastructure as a service layer. This encompasses standards for virtual machines, storage, networking, and other foundational resources, ensuring seamless, efficient, and secure operation, interoperability, and management of the underlying cloud infrastructure.

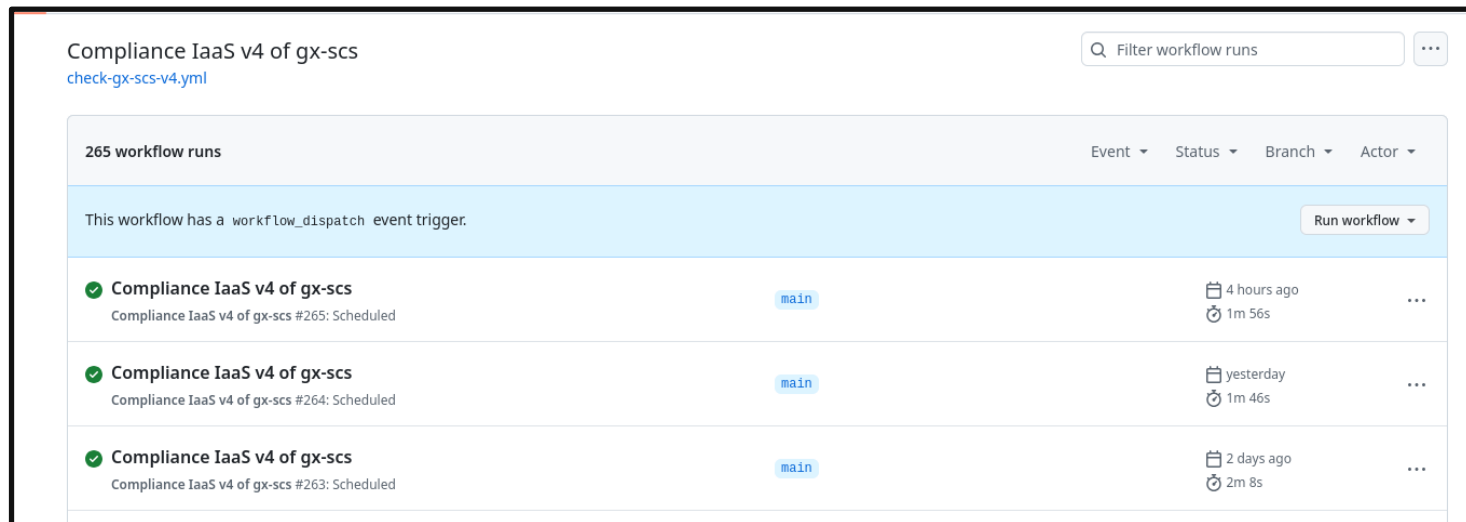
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scs-0100	SCS Flavor Naming Standard	-	v3	v1, v2
	Supplement: Implementation and Testing Notes	w1	-	-
scs-0101	SCS Entropy	-	v1	-
	Supplement: Implementation and Testing Notes	w1	-	-
scs-0102	SCS Image Metadata Standard	-	v1	-
	Supplement: SCS Image Metadata: Implementation and Testing Notes	w1	-	-
scs-0103	SCS Standard Flavors and Properties	-	v1	-
scs-0104	SCS Standard Images	-	v1	-
	Supplement: Implementation Notes	w1	-	-
scs-0110	SSD Flavors	-	v1	-
scs-0111	Decisions for the Volume Type Standard	v1	-	-
scs-0112	SONiC Support in SCS	v1	-	-
scs-0113	Security Groups Decision Record	v1	-	-

SCS compliance monitor

- **Compliance Monitor is a Python-based test suite for cloud environments**
- **Takes Standard's parameters and checks CSP instance**
 - Example: allowed versions, mandatory OpenStack flavors
- **Recurring job to check compliance as Github Action**




The screenshot shows the GitHub Actions interface for the workflow 'Compliance IaaS v4 of gx-scs' (file: check-gx-scs-v4.yml). It displays a list of 265 workflow runs. The most recent runs are all successful (green checkmarks) and were triggered by a 'workflow_dispatch' event. The runs are scheduled and occurred 4 hours ago, yesterday, and 2 days ago. Each run is associated with the 'main' branch and includes a 'Run workflow' button.

Run ID	Status	Branch	Trigger	Time	Duration
Compliance IaaS v4 of gx-scs #265	Success	main	Scheduled	4 hours ago	1m 56s
Compliance IaaS v4 of gx-scs #264	Success	main	Scheduled	yesterday	1m 46s
Compliance IaaS v4 of gx-scs #263	Success	main	Scheduled	2 days ago	2m 8s

Dashboard of „Compliant cloud environments“

← → ↻
https://docs.scs.community/standards/certification/overview
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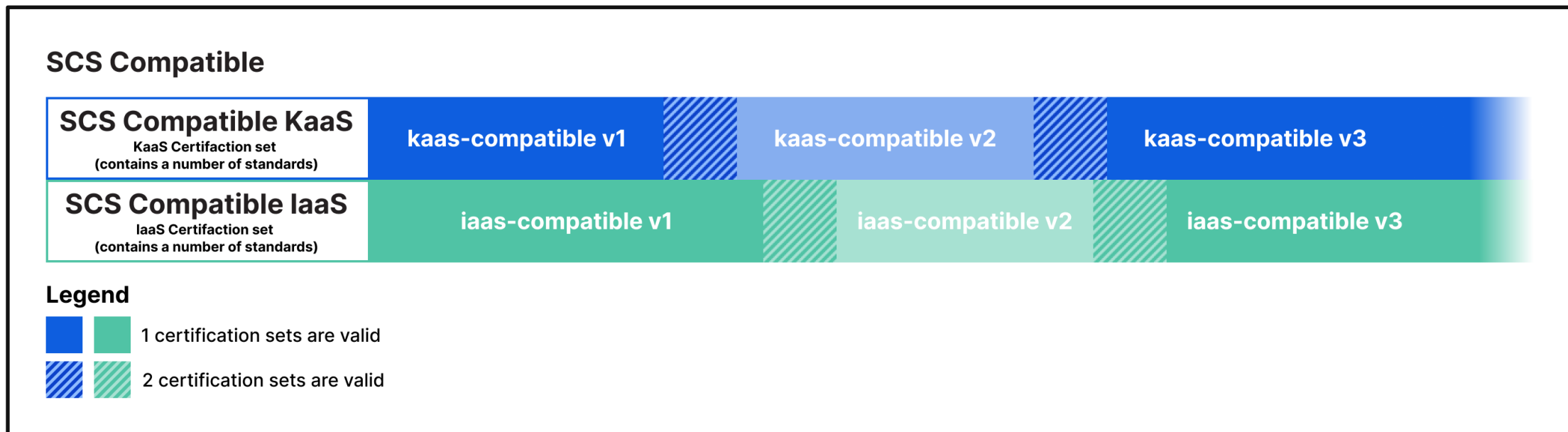
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Scopes and versions

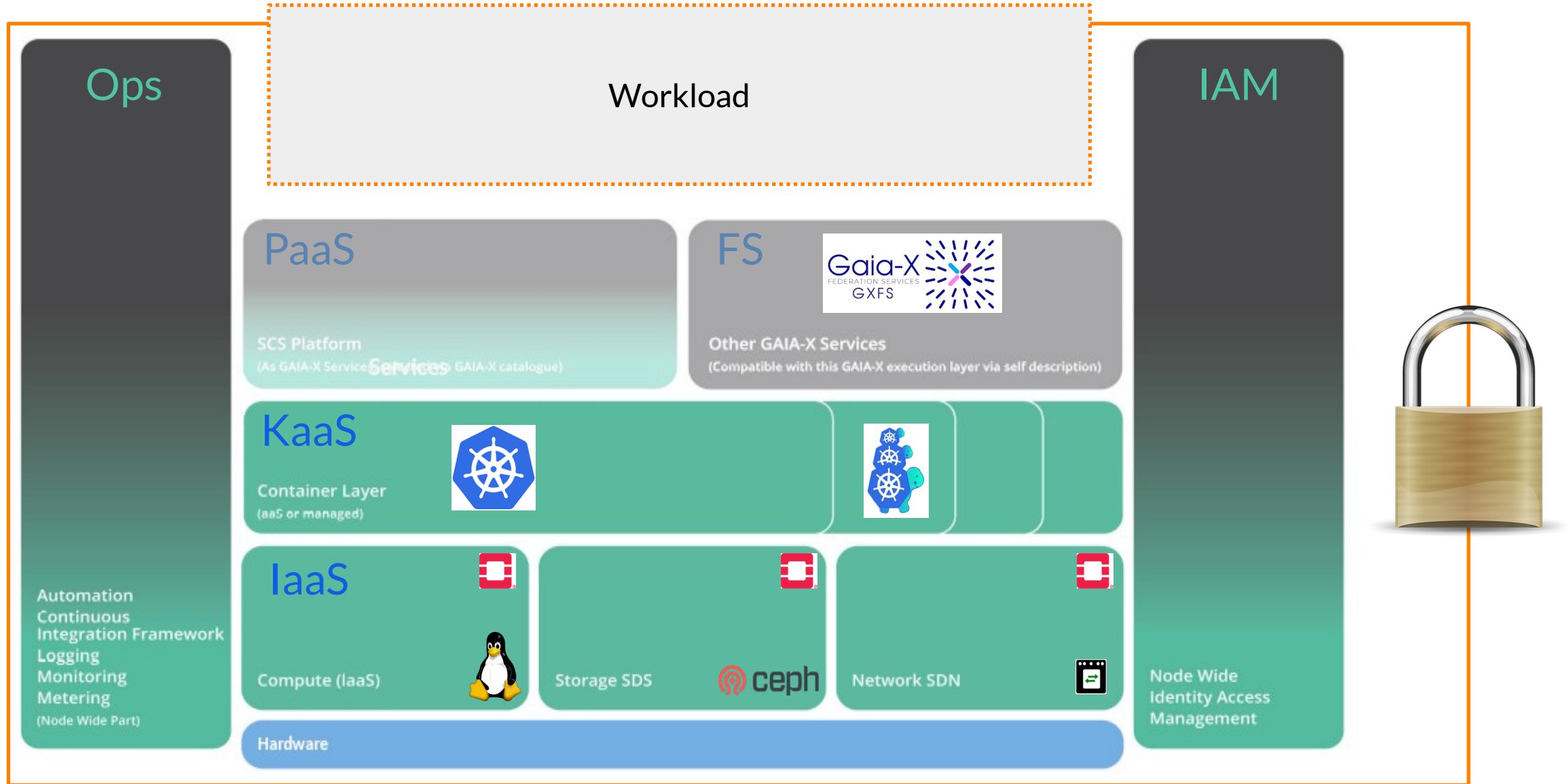
- **Each Standard is versioned, so updates can be differentiated**
 - v3 can be deprecated, while v4 must be adopted etc.
- **Scopes: IaaS and KaaS**



Technology: What's inside SCS?

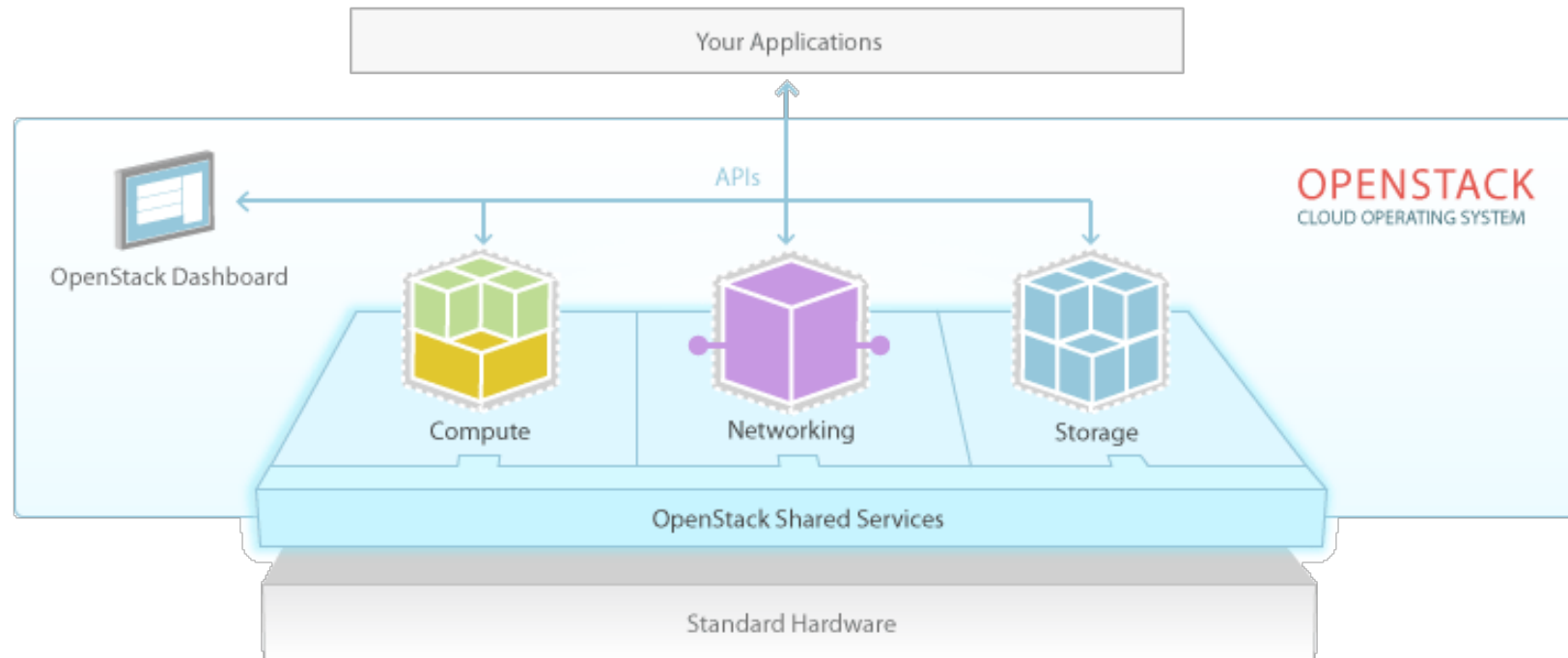
SCS Architecture (Software/Ref.Impl.)

building it up from the ground



SCS Platform Services (PaaS) are planned
 Hardware and Federation Services not part of SCS software
 KaaS = Kubernetes as a Service

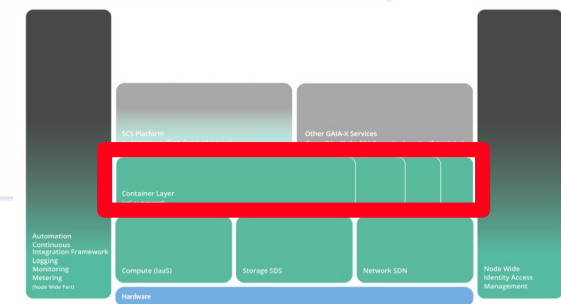
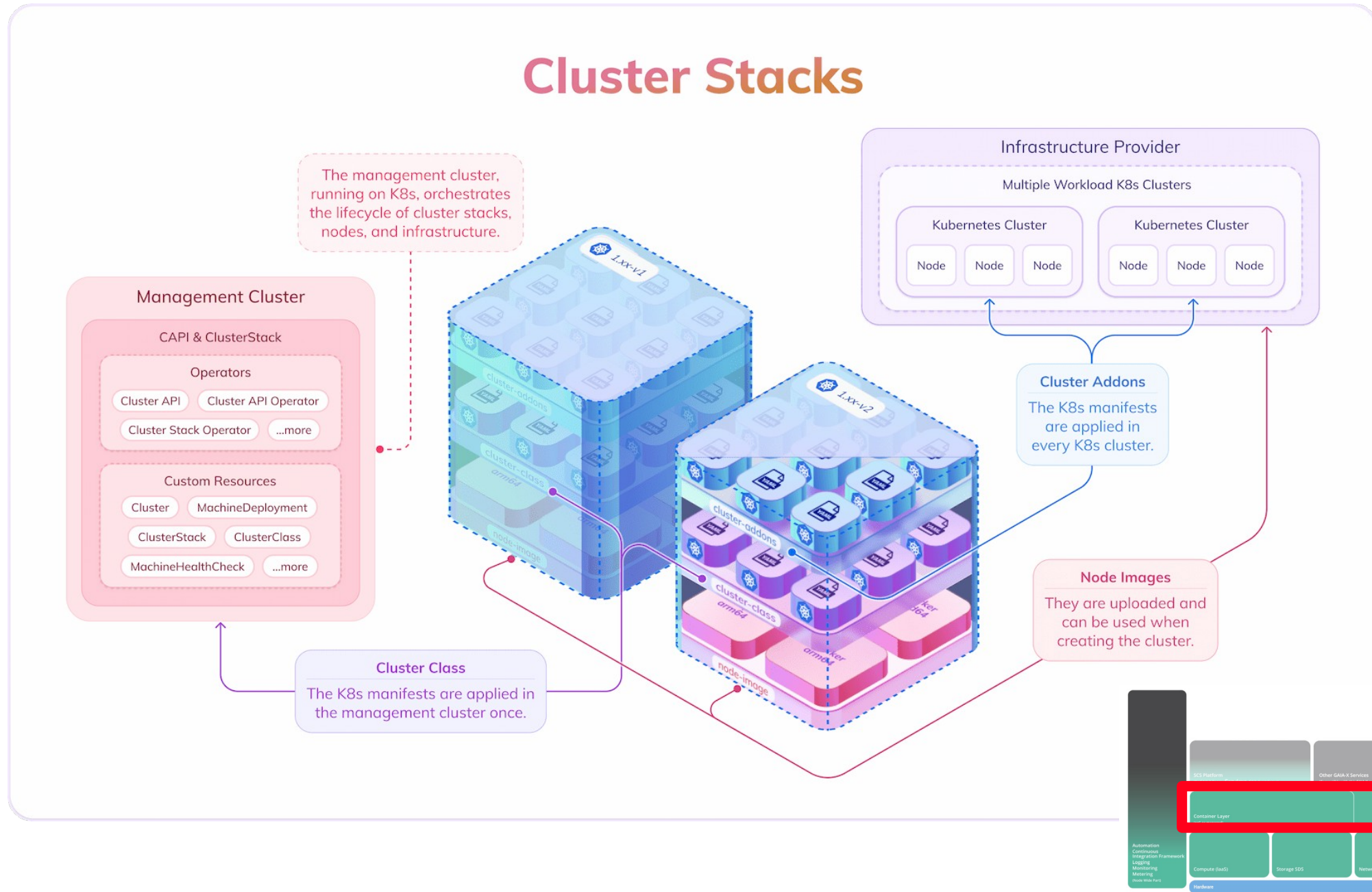
Virtualization & IaaS



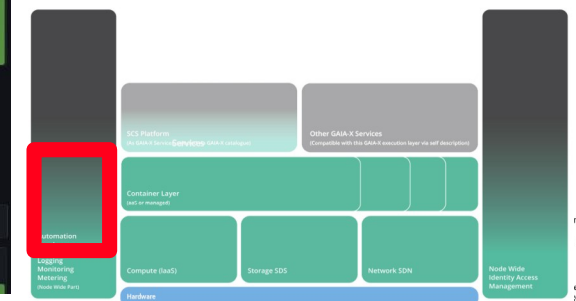
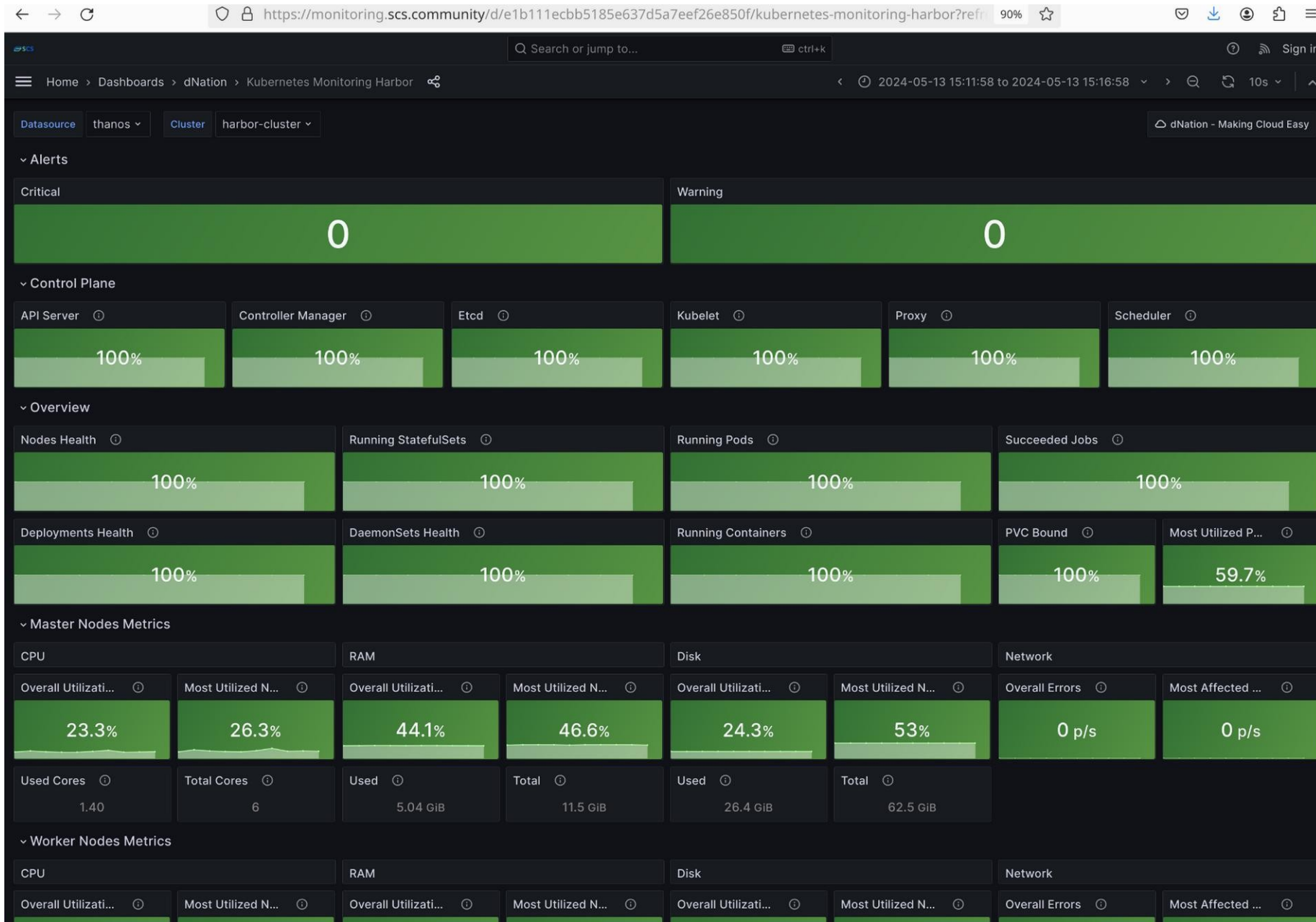
- Compute Virtualization: KVM (Linux)
- Storage SDS: ceph (incl. rados GW) – ceph-ansible / ceph-rook
- Network SDN: OvS + OVN
- ... orchestrated via OpenStack core services & APIs (deployed containerized with OSISM / kolla-ansible)



Container layer

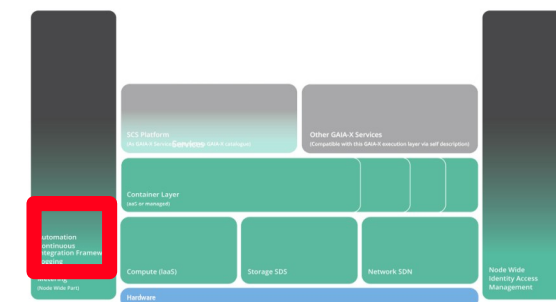
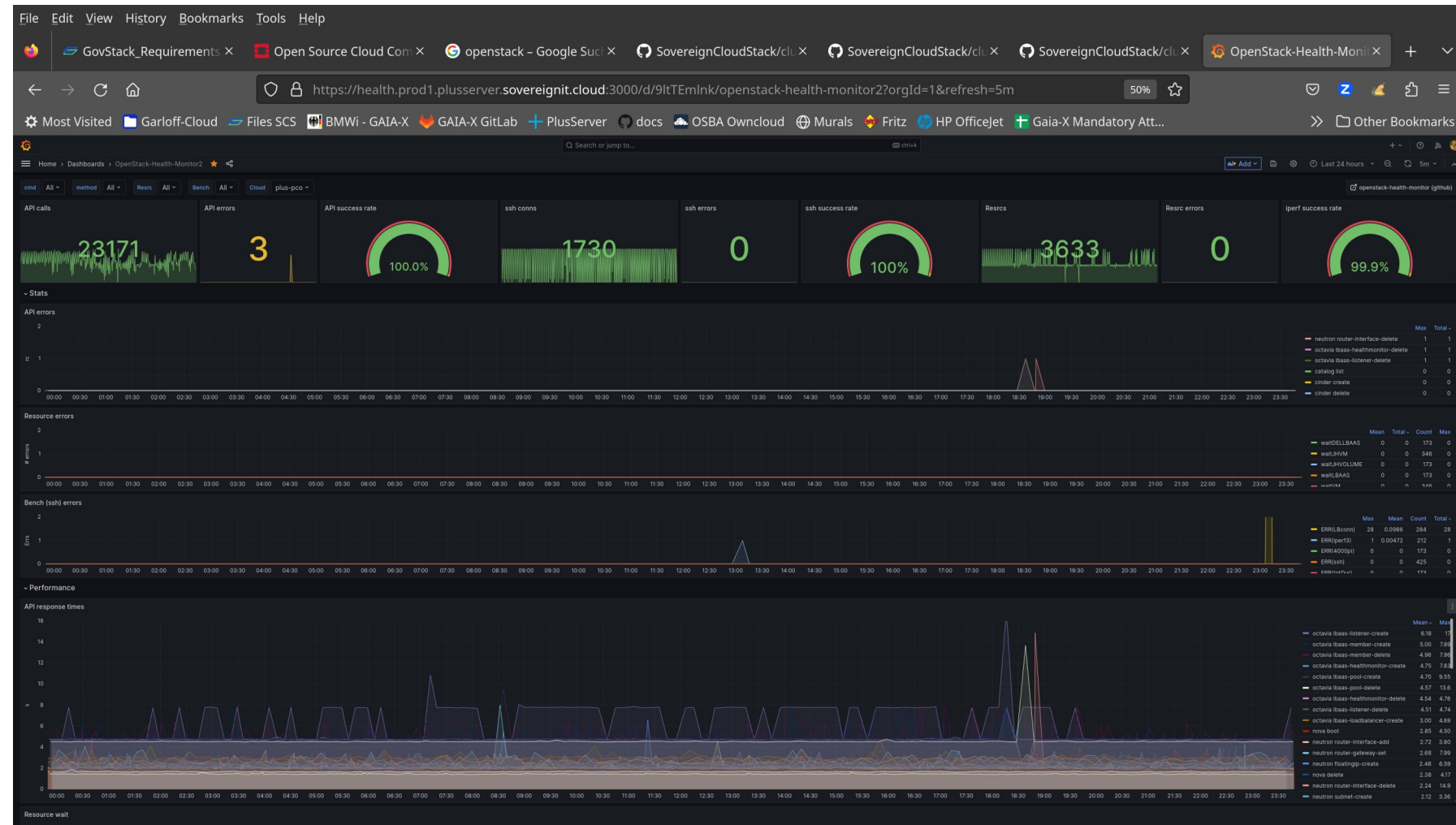


Platform Monitoring



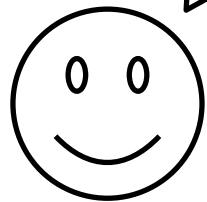
Infra Monitoring

- Health monitoring (→ scenario tests)
- Compliance monitoring (public for SCS-certified)
- Metrics collection for metering and operations (prometheus)
- Alert-Manager



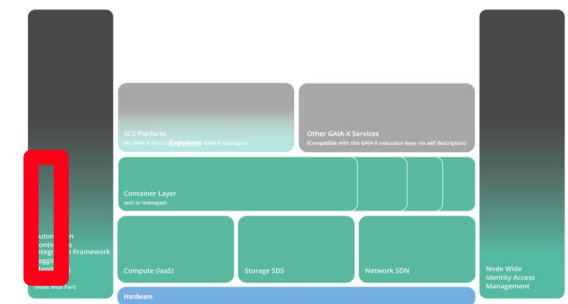
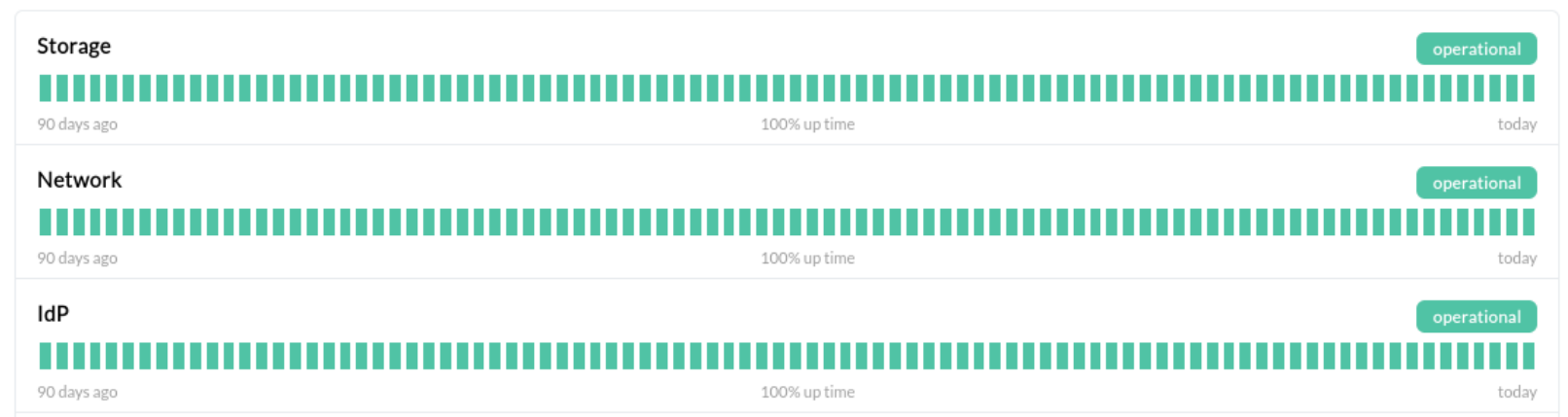
Status Page (with own API)

- Manage incident status, current or planned
- Clear design with simple colors, historic events



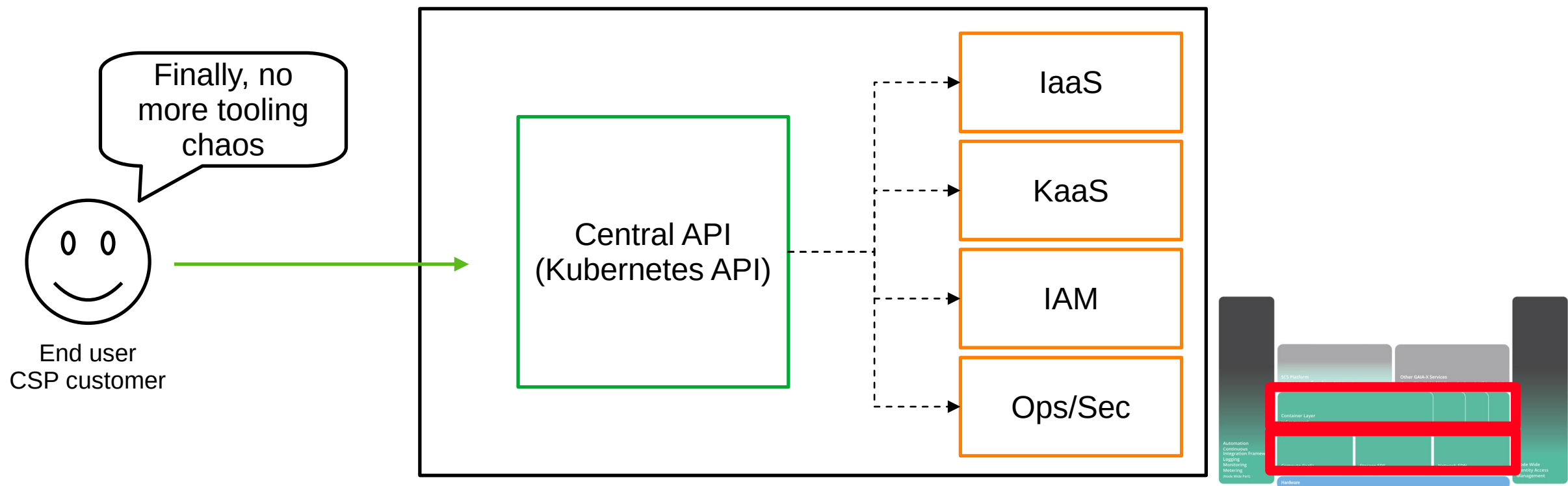
Everything works as expected!

End user
CSP customer

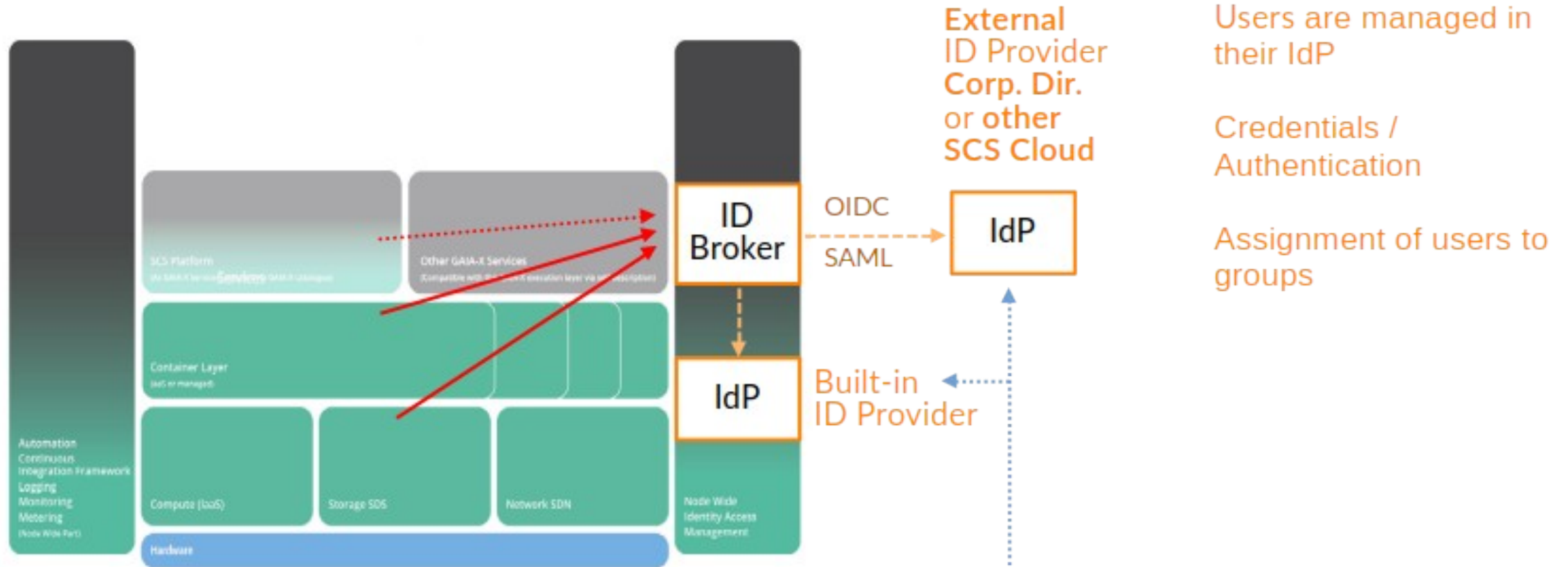


Central API – one endpoint for daily business

- **Standardized API endpoint for majority of use cases**
- **Combines IaaS, KaaS, IAM and Ops into 1**
- **Powered by Kubernetes and Crossplane**



Self-Service Identity Federation: Cross-Service and Cross-Cloud identities



All functional layers use Identities from built-in Identity Broker (keycloak) for customers

ID Broker maps groups to role assignments (authorizations) on resources in this specific cloud

Customer manages his own domain / realm



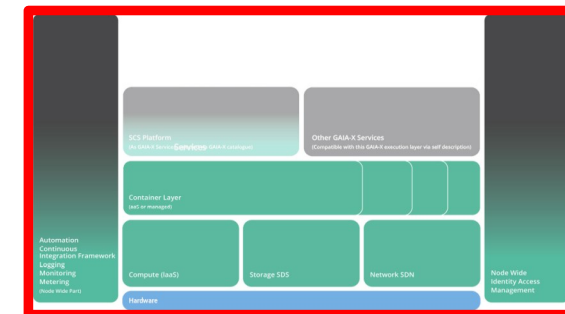
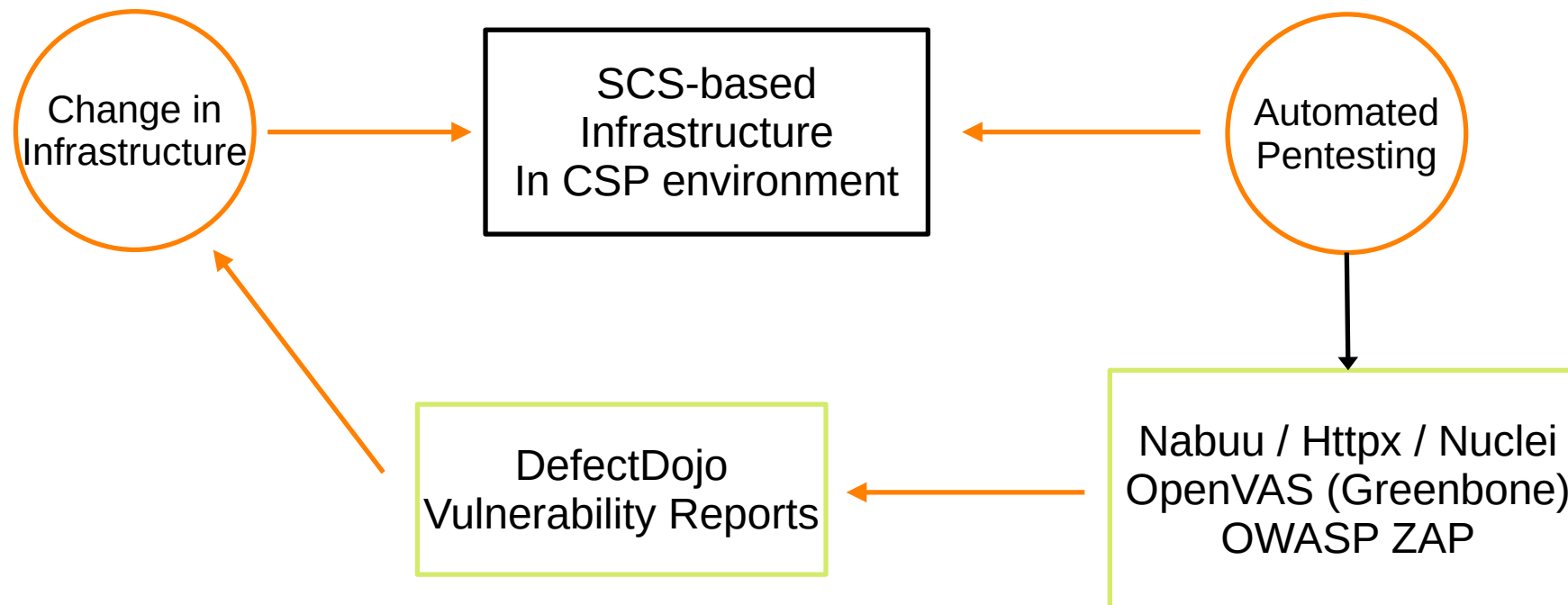
Security by design

- Standardized best practices
- Deployment uses strong secure defaults
- Hardware isolation features, confidential computing
- Sharing knowledge through blog posts
- Supply chain security



Automated Security Penetration Testing

- **Dynamic Security Analysis of deployed infrastructure**
- **Scheduled job creates daily reports**



Summary

SCS software is a secure, complete and open turnkey solution: HW deployment, Virtualization layer (IaaS), Container Layer, Federated Identity Management, Operational tooling, Security

The **SCS software** fulfills all **SCS standards** (and is thus the **SCS** reference implementation)

In productive use in parts or as a whole at various Operators, public and private Cloud

Operations supported by knowledge sharing (**Open Operations**)



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