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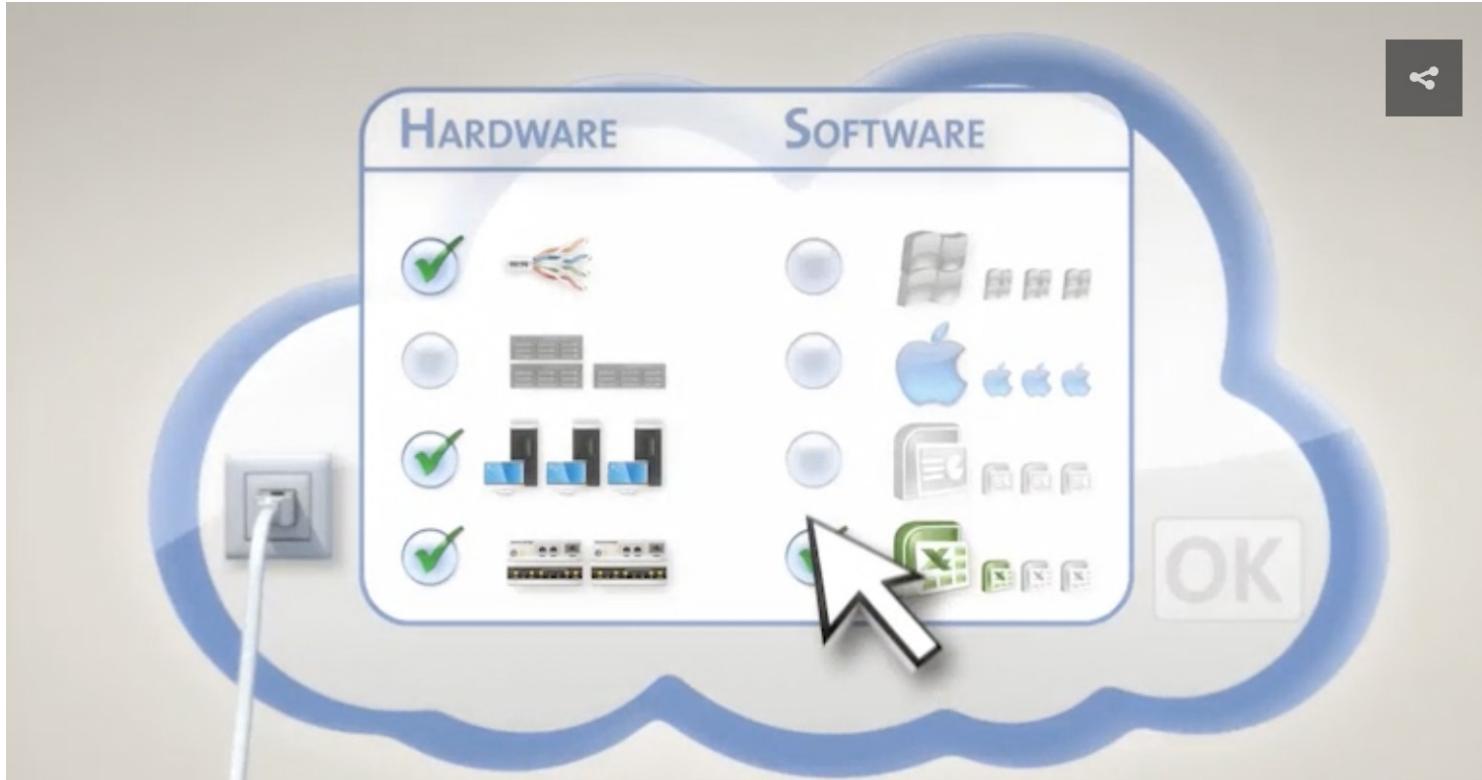


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# Sovereign Cloud Stack: Offene, föderierbare Cloud-Technologie für jeden Sektor

# Der Traum von der Wolke...



Quelle: Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft und Technologie 2010

# ...und die Realität

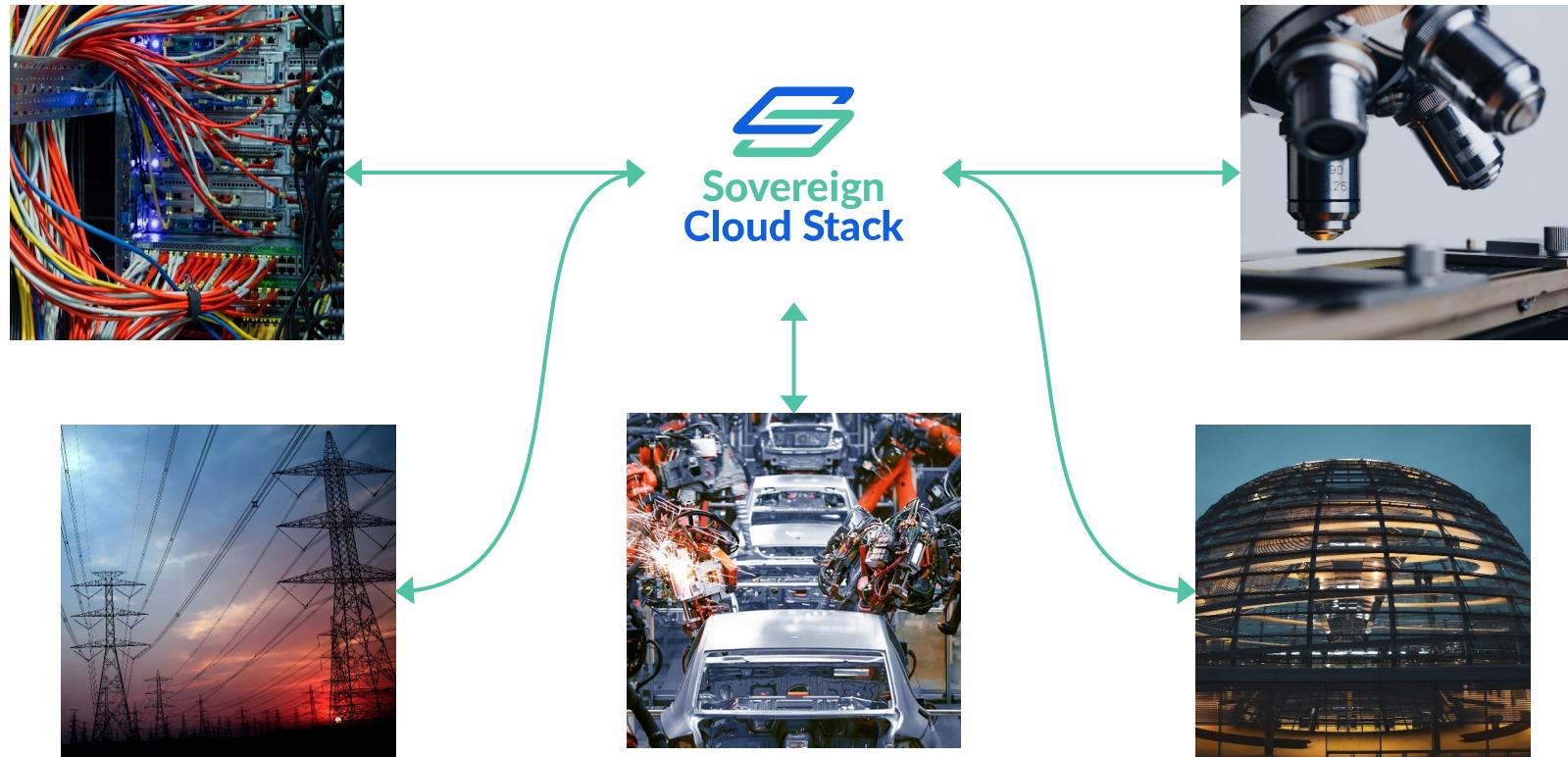
- Über 80 % der Unternehmen in Europa fühlen sich technologisch abhängig.<sup>1</sup>
- Amazon, Microsoft, Alphabet (Google) beherrschen den Markt.<sup>2</sup>
- Vendor lock-in<sup>3</sup>
- Inkompatibilität bei Infrastrukturen, Plattformen und Applikationen
- US Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA)  EU DSGVO
- Dynamische, verteilte Plattformen sind hochkomplex 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](https://www.cio.bund.de/SharedDocs/downloads/Webs/CIO/DE/digitale-loesungen/marktanalyse-reduzierung-abhaengigkeit-software-anbieter.pdf?__blob=publicationFile&v=1)

# Sovereign Cloud Stack: Ein Ökosystem für offene Infrastruktur



# SCS Leistungen



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Zertifizierbare Standards



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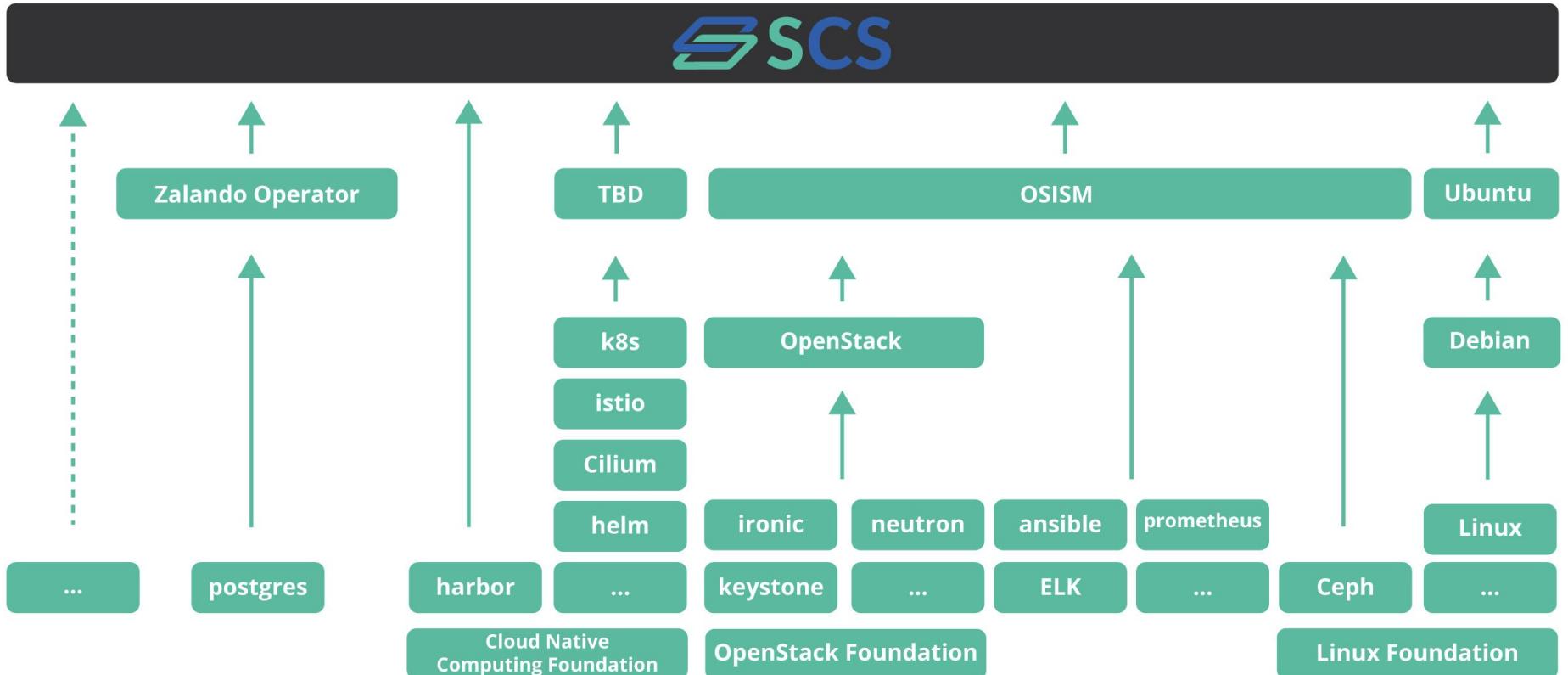
Modulare OS-Referenz-  
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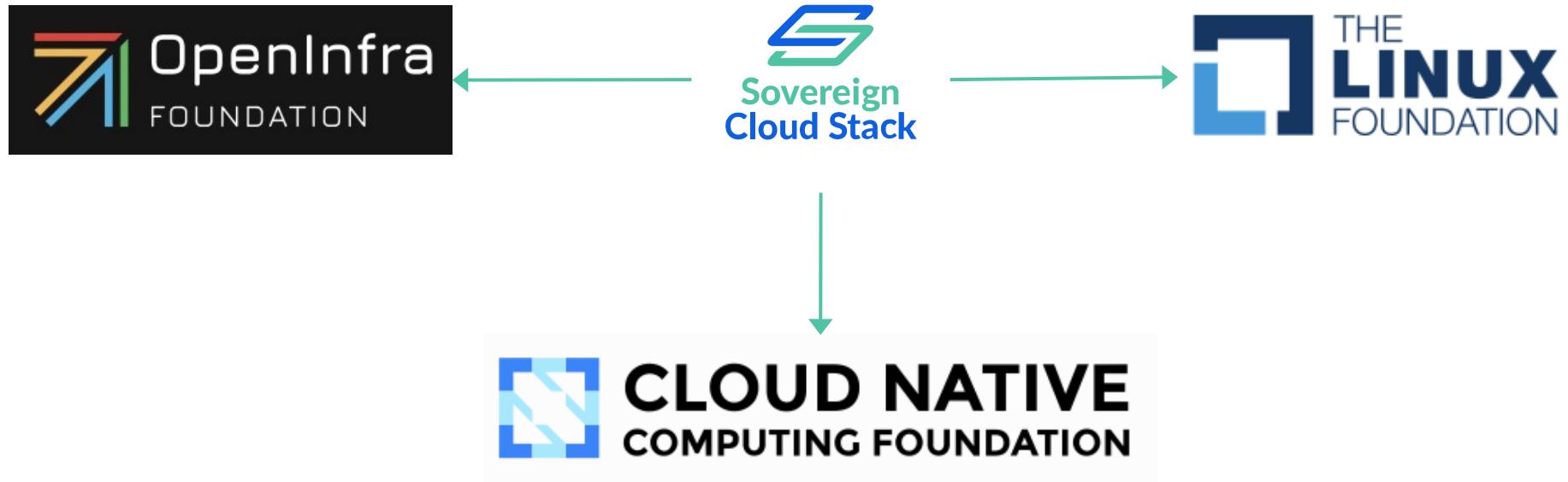
Open Knowledge

# SCS integriert und ergänzt bewährte Open-Source-Bausteine





# Upstream first!



# Offene, zertifizierbare Standards

- ✓ Interoperabilität
- ✓ Portabilität
- ✓ Skalierung
- ✓ einfache Zusammenarbeit von CSPs, Technology Providers, Service Companies, Software Vendors
- ✓ SaaS-Anbieter können plattformunabhängige Dienste entwickeln und anbieten

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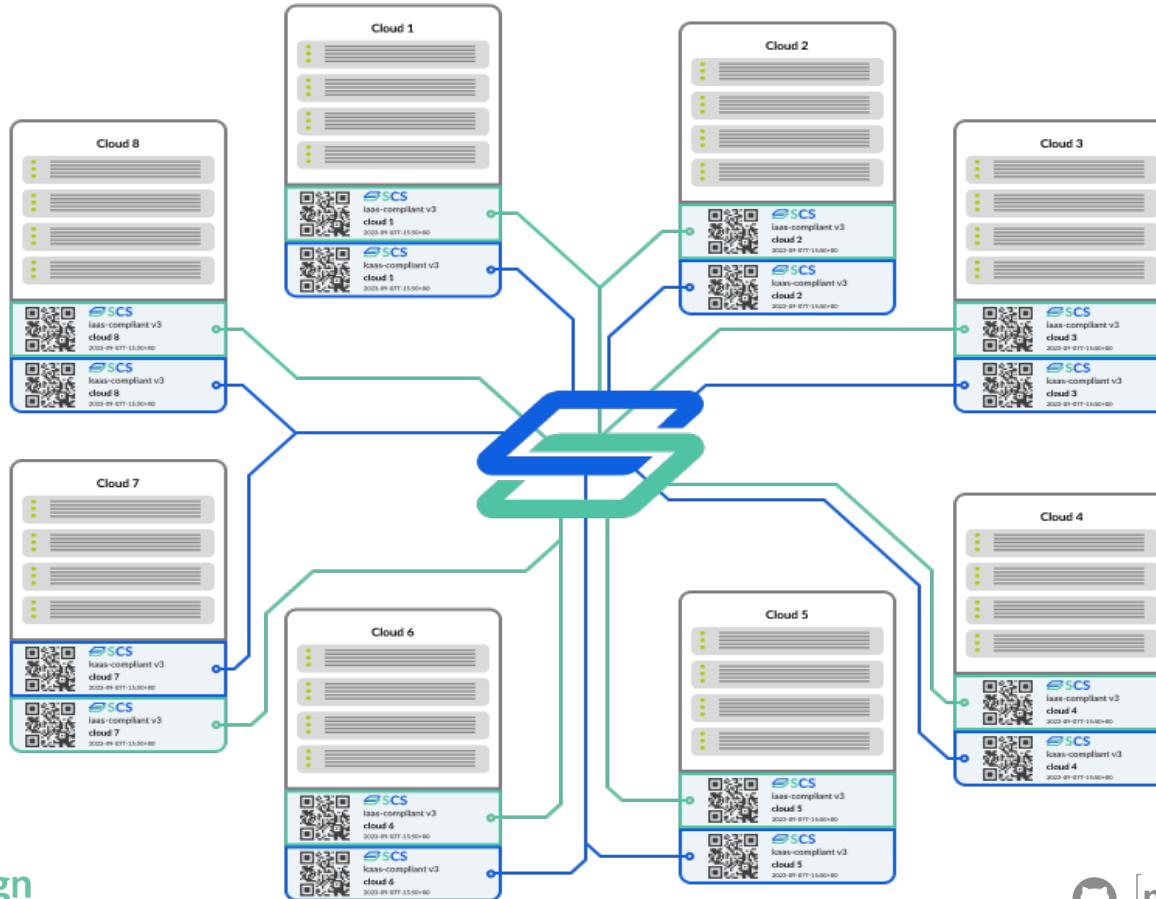
scs-0001-v1-sovereign-cloud-standards.md	Extend scs-0003: more context and process (resolves issues/#...)	2 months ago
scs-0002-v1-standards-docs-org.md	Add markdown linter and link validator (#254)	8 months ago
scs-0002-v2-standards-docs-org.md	Fix/move scs 0002 to standards (#333)	3 months ago
scs-0003-v1-sovereign-cloud-standards-yaml....	Added classification field to the check tool descriptor (#365)	3 hours ago
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**SCS compatible clouds**

This is a list of clouds that we test on a nightly basis against our `scs-compatible` certification level.

Name	Description	Operator	IaaS Compliance Check	HealthMon
gx-scs	Dev environment provided for SCS & GAIA-X context	plusserver GmbH	<span>compliant</span> <span>passing</span>	HM
pluscloud open - prod1	Public cloud for customers	plusserver GmbH	<span>compliant</span> <span>passing</span>	HM
pluscloud open - prod2	Public cloud for customers	plusserver GmbH	<span>compliant</span> <span>passing</span>	HM
Wavestack	Public cloud for customers	noris network AG/Wavecon GmbH	<span>compliant</span> <span>passing</span>	HM
REGIO.cloud	Public cloud for customers	OSISM GmbH	<span>compliant</span> <span>passing</span>	Dashboard

# Sovereign Cloud Grid: Build a virtual hyperscaler!



# Open Knowledge



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## Welcome to the SCS Documentation

Find user guides, code samples, deployment examples, reference, community pages and more.

### Introduction to SCS

Get to know SCS better and learn about the background.

[Get Started](#)

### Releases

SCS is currently in Release 5. Check out the latest Release Notes.

[Learn More](#)

### Frequently Asked Questions

You are curious what SCS is all about, what it can do and what it can't?

[Get Answers](#)

### Existing Public Clouds

There are SCS compliant public clouds in production.

[Test Them](#)

## Architectural Layers

### Ops Layer

Tooling and infrastructure design for easy, efficient and transparent ways to operate an SCS Cloud.

### Container Layer

SCS offers a robust solution for managing container workloads on a Kubernetes infrastructure.

[Learn More](#)

### IAM Layer

Working on Keycloak federated identity provider within our Team IAM.



# OPEN OPERATIONS MANIFESTO

Building a community of practice and transparency for operations

<https://openoperations.org>

## We build a community of practice

Open Operations builds a community of practice to keep the barrier to entry low and create a thriving environment for comfortable exchange.

## We share knowledge

The availability of knowledge and skilled engineers is the limiting factor for many organizations to adopt, leverage, and successfully operate complex technology.

## We're transparent about our incidents

We firmly believe that failures make us experts. The way we handle mistakes is how we become better.

## We're transparent about our operational processes

We share our internal processes for the sake of transparency. We firmly believe that transparency leads to better and more reliable processes.

# Cloud-Angebote auf Basis von SCS



# BayernCloud Schule

Die Plattform für eine moderne digitale Bildung

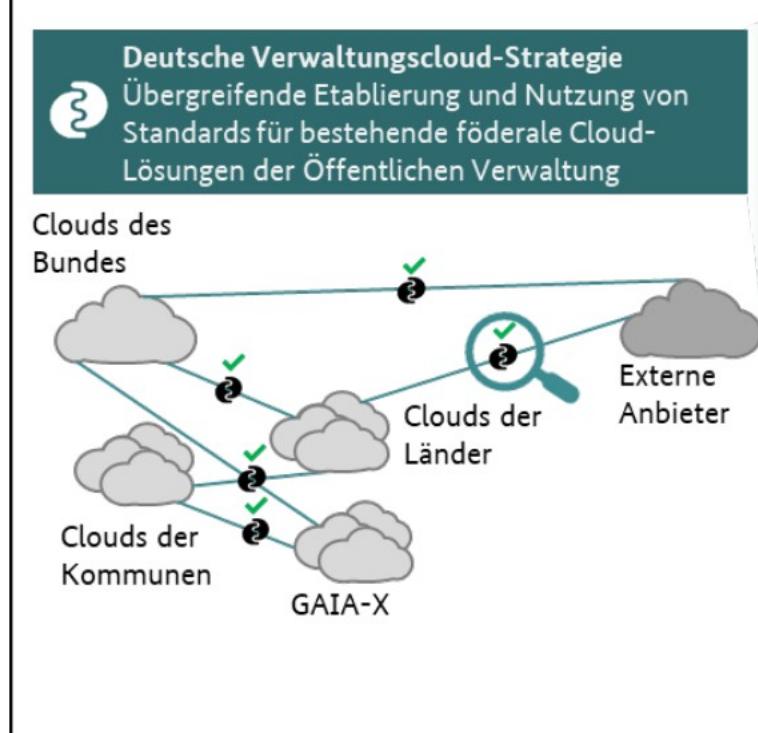
→ Informationen für Schulleitungen zur Freischaltung



...läuft auf SCS-Infrastruktur.

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# SCS ist an der Entwicklung der Deutschen Verwaltungscloud (DVC) beteiligt.



## 🔍 Bereiche zur Standardisierung föderaler Cloud-Lösungen

### 1 Entwicklung und Entwicklungsplattform

Plattformen, Prozesse und Architekturvorgaben zur Entwicklung von Anwendungen

### 2 Anwendungsbereitstellung und -management

Bereitstellung und Betreuung von Anwendungen über gesamten Lebenszyklus

### 3 Code Repository

Verwaltungsumgebung zur Versionierung von Anwendungs-Code

### 4 Infrastruktur-Service und technologischer Stack

Hard- und Software zur Erbringung von IT-Leistungen

### 5 Betriebsstandards und Betriebsmodell

Zusammenarbeit IT-Dienstleister/Service-Bereitstellung

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You can easily contribute to them by requesting to join these groups.

> ⚡ S Smarte.Land.Regionen

⠇ S SopraSteria

Sovereign Cloud Stack Owner

Eine Plattform — standardisiert, entwickelt und betrieben von Vielen.  
Sovereign Cloud Stack (SCS) ist ein vom BMWK gefördertes Projekt der OSB Alliance e.V.  
SCS stellt Standards, Software und Wissen für Cloudinfra bereit. <https://scs.community/>

⠇ S Stadt Detmold

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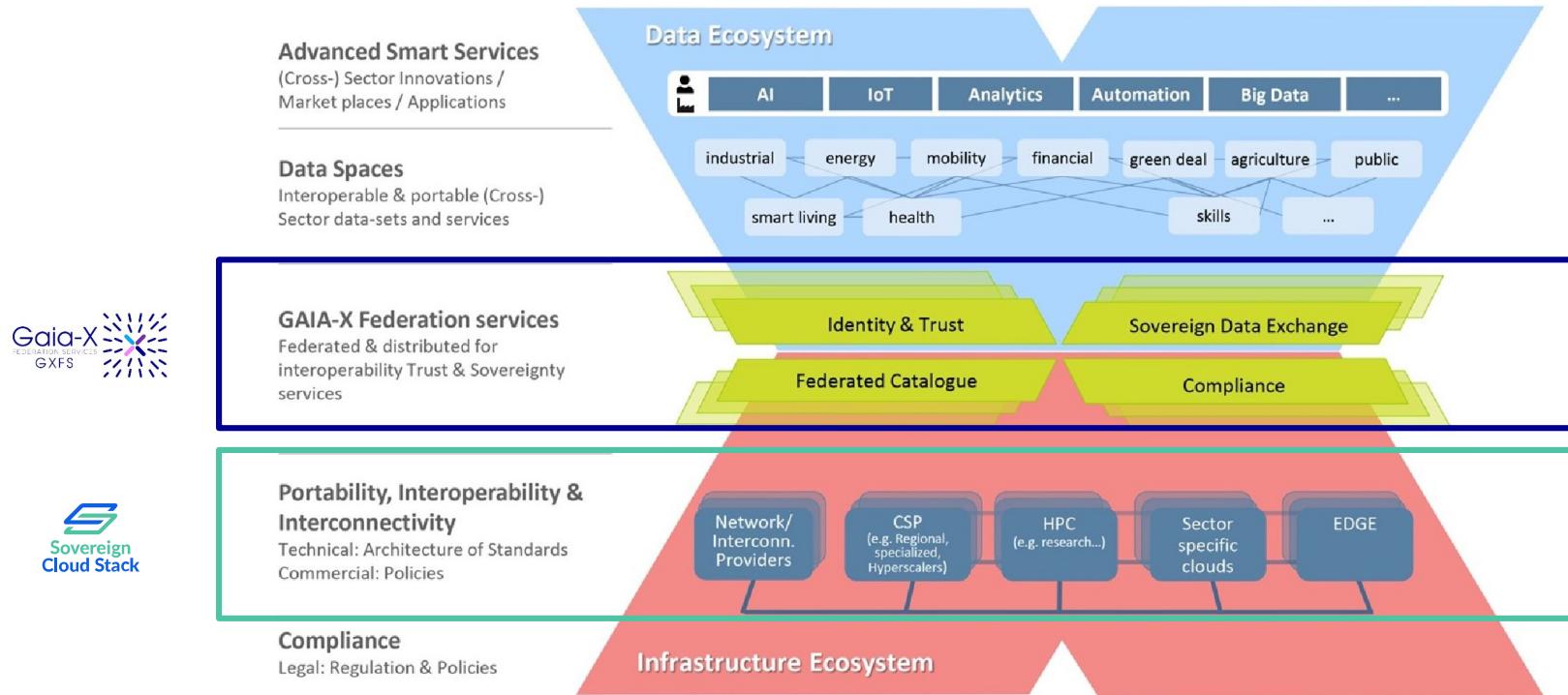
⠇ S Stadt Wolfsburg

This is the official group of the city of Wolfsburg, Germany. Here you can find the open source projects that the city is working on or supporting.

⠇ T Testgruppe

⠇ T Thüringer Landesverwaltung

# SCS liefert Infrastrukturschicht für Gaia-X Federation Services



# SCS beteiligt sich an GovStack

GovStack harnesses the power of a global network and is led by:



digital  
impact  
alliance



## GovExchange

We offer a platform to research the market of digital services and find...

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## GovSpecs

We work with governments to identify real-life scenarios for digital...

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## GovTest

We provide an open demonstration environment for...

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## GovLearn

We collaborate to provide capacity building, trainings, and support designing...

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# SCS unterstützende Organisationen

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**LEITWERK**  
Die Zukunft Ihrer IT

**noris network**



**OSB ALLIANCE**  
Open Source Business  
Bundesverband für digitale Souveränität e.V.



**OX** Stay Open.



**OVHcloud**

**plusserver**

**PROVENTA**



**Stackable**

**StackHPC**



**Syself**

**univention**  
be open

**WAVECON**

# SCS Summit 2024

Berlin, May 14<sup>th</sup>

<https://scs.community/de/summit2024/>



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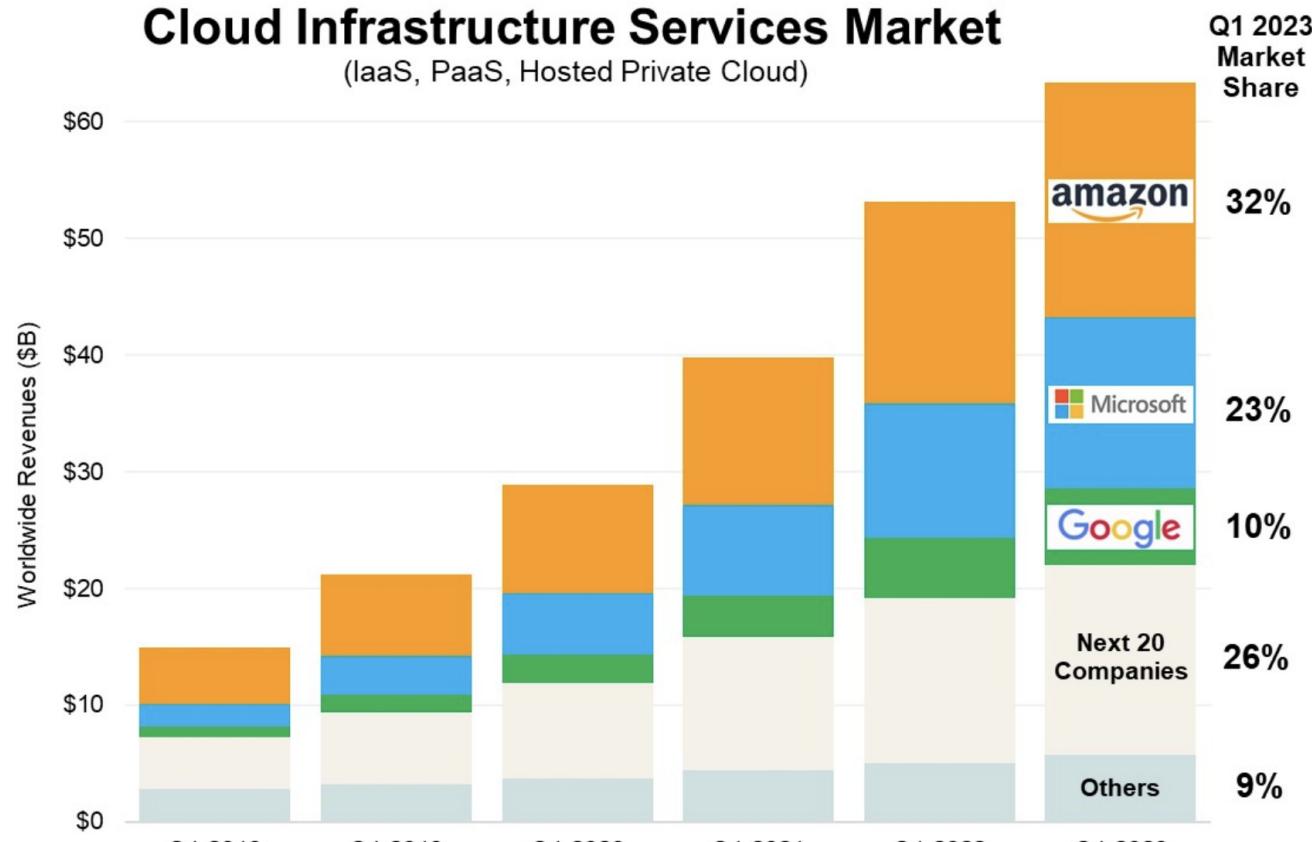
<https://gitlab.opencode.de/sovereigncloudstack>

#scs-community:matrix.org

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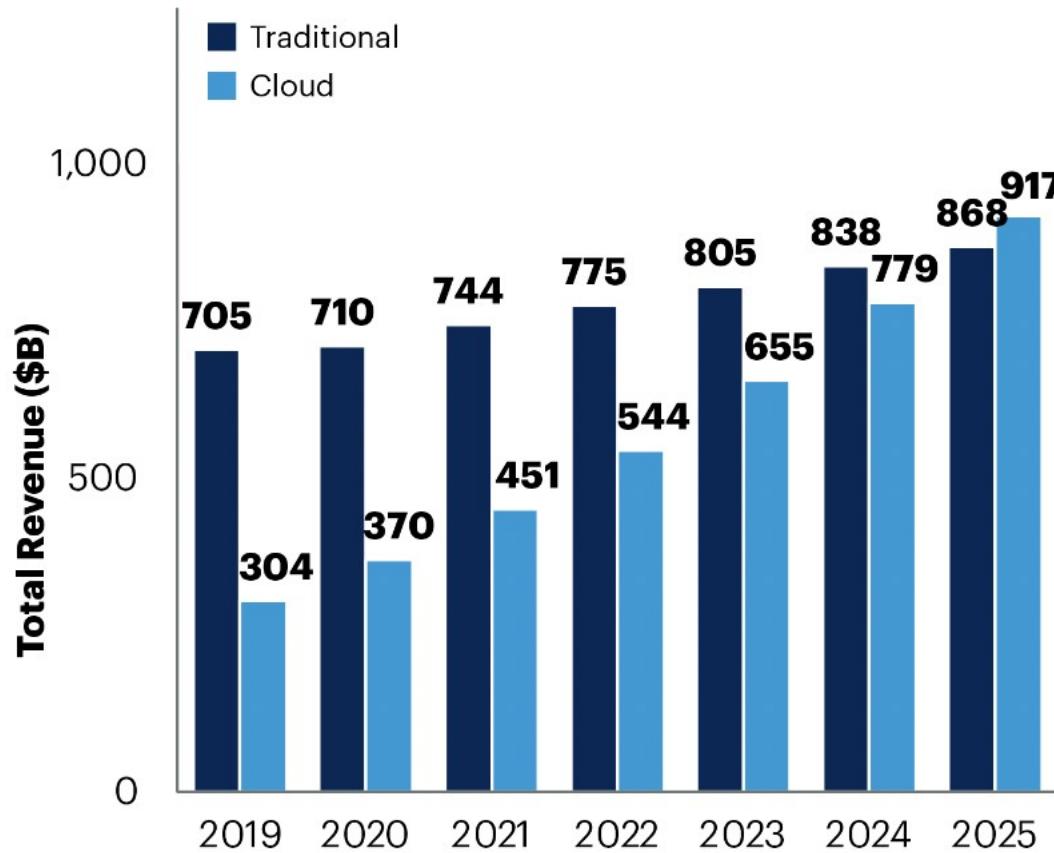
**One platform – standardised, built and operated by many.**

# Supplement



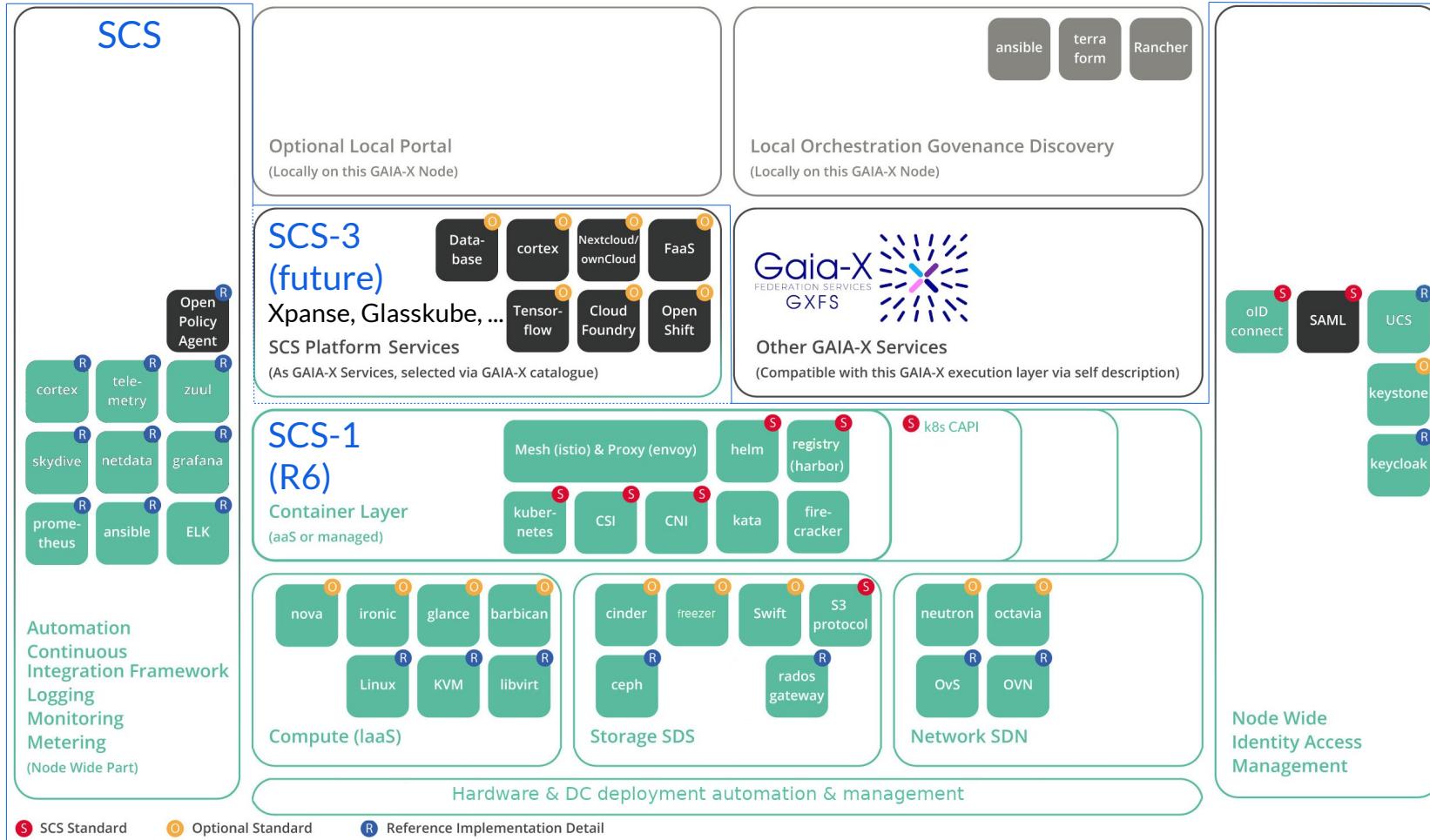
Source: Synergy Research Group

# "Cloud-Shift": Enterprise IT Spending Worldwide

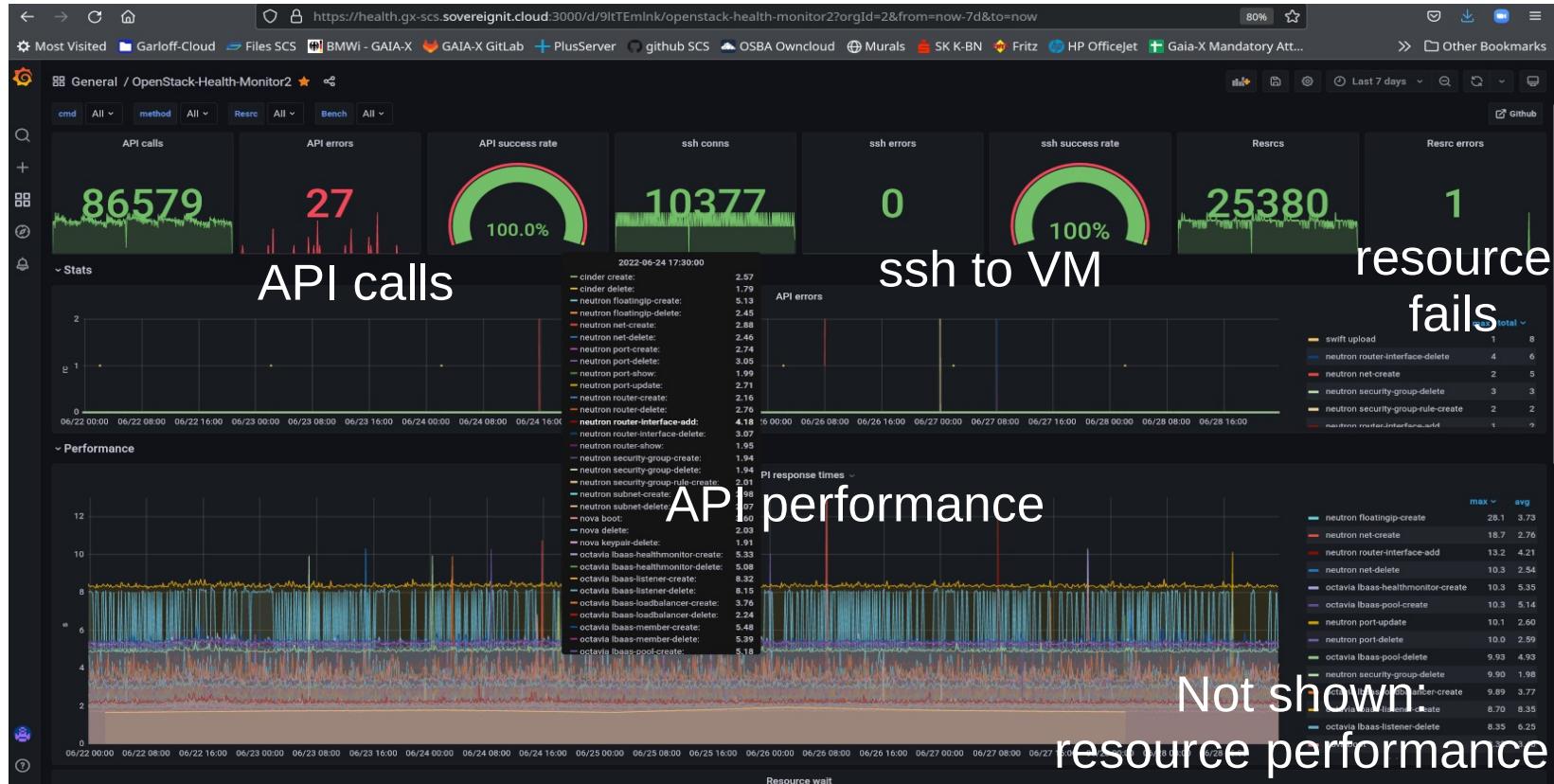


Source: Gartner 2022

# SCS Reference Architecture (current status)



# SCS Operations: Measure what you want to manage.



# Operations: SCS Tooling

The screenshot shows the ARA dashboard with a table of recent runs. The columns include Status, Report, Date, Duration, Hosts, Tasks, Results, Ansible Controller, Name (or path), CLI, and Labels. One run is highlighted in green.

Status	Report	Date	Duration	Hosts	Tasks	Results	Ansible Controller	Name (or path)	CLI	Labels
<span style="color: green;">Success</span>		17 Aug 2021 12:15:02 +0000	00:00:18.31	4	3	12	2.10.13	manager_osism-ansible_1_manager_default	/ansible/generic-facts.yml	<span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">remote_user:dragon check=False</span> <span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">tags:all</span>
<span style="color: green;">Success</span>		17 Aug 2021 11:28:41 +0000	00:01:38.74	4	27	86	2.10.12	manager_osism-ansible_1_manager_default	/ansible/kolla-prometheus.yml	<span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">remote_user:dragon check=False</span> <span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">tags:all</span>
<span style="color: green;">Success</span>		17 Aug 2021 11:27:34 +0000	00:01:06.06	4	18	69	2.10.13	manager_osism-ansible_1_manager_default	/ansible/monitoring-netdata.yml	<span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">remote_user:dragon check=False</span> <span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">tags:all</span>
<span style="color: green;">Success</span>		17 Aug 2021 11:27:04 +0000	00:00:28.34	1	11	11	2.10.13	manager_osism-ansible_1_manager_default	/ansible/monitoring-openstack-health-monitor.yml	<span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">remote_user:dragon check=False</span> <span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">tags:all</span>
<span style="color: green;">Success</span>		17 Aug 2021 11:26:50 +0000	00:00:12.83	1	4	4	2.10.13	manager_osism-ansible_1_manager_default	...openstack/playbook-bootstrap-ceph-rgw.yml	<span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">remote_user:dragon check=False</span> <span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">tags:all</span>
<span style="color: red;">Failure</span>		17 Aug 2021 11:26:36 +0000	00:00:11.76	2	5	5	2.10.13	manager_osism-ansible_1_manager_default	...openstack/playbook-bootstrap-basic.yml	<span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">remote_user:dragon check=False</span> <span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">tags:all</span>
<span style="color: green;">Success</span>		17 Aug 2021 11:24:03 +0000	00:02:31.58	4	34	82	2.10.12	manager_kolla-ansible_1_manager_default	/ansible/kolla-delegate.yml	<span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">remote_user:dragon check=False</span> <span style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 2px;">tags:all</span>

The screenshot shows the Kibana "Create index pattern" step. It includes fields for "Index name" (index-name-\*), "Include system and hidden indices" (unchecked), and a note: "Your index pattern can match your 1 source." Below the form is a log entry from filebeat-2021.08.17.

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To learn about how usage data helps us manage and improve our products and services, see our [Privacy Statement](#). To stop collection, disable usage data here.  
[Dismiss](#)

Kibana  
Index Patterns  
Saved Objects  
Advanced Settings

Create index pattern  
An index pattern can match a single source, for example, `filebeat-4-3-22`, or multiple data sources, `filebeat-*`.  
[Read documentation ↗](#)

Step 1 of 2: Define an index pattern  
Index pattern name  
Index name-\*  
Use an asterisk (\*) to match multiple indices. Spaces and the characters 1, 2, 3, <, >, | are not allowed.  
 Include system and hidden indices  
Your index pattern can match your 1 source.  
filebeat-2021.08.17  
Rows per page: 10

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The screenshot shows the Netbox "Device Roles" table. The columns are Name, Devices, VMs, Color, VM Role, and Description. Rows include Ceph control node, Ceph resource node, Compute node, Control node, Generic node, Manager node, Monitoring node, and Network node. Each row has edit and delete buttons.

Name	Devices	VMs	Color	VM Role	Description
Ceph control node	0	0	<span style="background-color: orange;"></span>	✓	—
Ceph resource node	0	0	<span style="background-color: orange;"></span>	✓	—
Compute node	0	0	<span style="background-color: blue;"></span>	✓	—
Control node	0	0	<span style="background-color: blue;"></span>	✓	—
Generic node	0	0	<span style="background-color: black;"></span>	✓	—
Manager node	0	0	<span style="background-color: green;"></span>	✓	—
Monitoring node	0	0	<span style="background-color: green;"></span>	✓	—
Network node	0	0	<span style="background-color: blue;"></span>	✓	—

Netbox  
50 per page  
Showing 1-8 of 8

# SCS Open Development in Practice

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18 – 22 Sep 2023

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	Mon 18/09	Tue 19/09	Wed 20/09	Thu 21/09	Fri 22/09
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14:30					
15	15:05 - 15:55 GMT+2 Blocker: SCS Team Overflow/Replace 15:05 - 15:55 GMT+2 Lean SCS Operator Overflow/Replace			15:05 - 15:45 GMT+2 Weekly SCS Community Meeting	
15:30		Coffee			

# SCS: Realize Digital Sovereignty



Competence (esp. Operations)

Ability to shape technology

Choice / Switching / Interoperability

Legal Compliance (GDPR ...)



<https://rdcu.be/cWdBJ>

# SCS Certification

## Levels of digital sovereignty

4: Operational transparency and knowledge and skills available

3: Transparent technology and capability to contribute & shape

2: Freedom of choice (many providers as well as on-prem), Interoperability, Portability

1: Legal compliance



## SCS certification levels

- 3: "**SCS-Sovereign**" – Ops/IAM Stacks "open" as well, transparency on monitoring, incidents, contributing to "Open Operations"  
(5x Open)
- 2: "**SCS-Open**" – SBOM for functional stack available, fully "open"  
(4x Open according OpenInfra Foundation)
- 1: "**SCS-Compatible**" – Technical compatibility, interoperable (Conformance tests pass: CNCF, OIF, SCS)
- 0: ENISA / Gaia-X labels / GDPR (no SCS certificate)



# Security by Design

## Using strong isolation for container clusters

- Different tenants receive their own Kubernetes clusters; by default, no cluster sharing happens
- Underlying VMs, network, storage are separated by strong virtualization barriers

## Private registry for users

- Make it easy for DevOps teams to enforce their own security vetting processes and control their supply chain
- Vulnerability scanning included in registry solution

## Daily patching supported

- The architecture is built for daily patching (or redeployment) without noticeable customer impact
- This creates a practice of keeping the systems up to date especially with respect to security patches

## Secure Operational practices

- Document updating, patching, security response, ... processes to help with secure operations

## Air gap mode supported

- Deploying and updating without internet connection possible
- Leveraging an internal registry and patch distribution mechanism (includes vulnerability scanning)

## Certification

- Budget for security certifications (BSI) with partners – SCS based PlusCloud Open achieved BSI C5 in Nov 2021
- Pen testing planned (and budget allocated)

## Supply chain security

- Work with community on further improving supply chain security (reproducible builds, scanning, ...)

## Confidential computing

- Work with intel (and AMD) on TDX / SVE enablement for additional protection



# SCS Open Source Health Check

<https://github.com/SovereignCloudStack/Docs/blob/main/Design-Docs/OSS-Health.md>

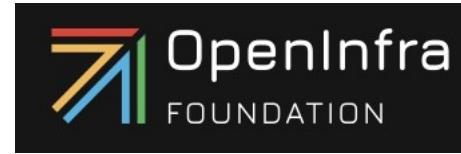
1. Really Open: Four Opens (Code, Development, Design, Community)
2. Maturity: Quality, Reviews, CI, Maintenance, Standards
3. Security: Supply Chain, Sec Response, SecTesting / PenTest
4. Activity: Adoption, Community, Ecosystem
5. Risk Assessment: Likelihood to fail? Replace? Fork?

# SCS: How to start

1. Use existing SCS public cloud IaaS offerings:  
OSISM's betacloud, PlusServer's pluscloudopen, Wavecon/Noris' wavestack, regio.digital
  - a) Running SCS ref.impl. for k8s aaS (KaaS) on top of it
  - b) Using managed SCS ref.impl. for KaaS (using e.g. sysself, see GXFS)
  - c) Using Gardener based managed k8s (PSKE, ...)
2. Use Cloud-in-a-Box (128GB RAM box for 3.5k€)
3. Deploy SCS testbed on top of pre-existing OpenStack IaaS.  
*(Deploy SCS on a notebook in a camper van as Robert Holling @ HS Osnabrück did.)*
4. Build small PoC env (min. 5 hardware nodes: 4\*HCI+1\*Manager)
5. Production env. ~12 -- 300 nodes

# The Four Opens

1. Open Source
2. Open Design
3. Open Development
4. Open Community



*A fifth Open?*

5. Open Operations

# Zur Bedeutung von Open Source

EU-Studie: Open Source stärkt die Wirtschaft und die technologische Unabhängigkeit

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<https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/study-about-impact-open-source-software-and-hardware-technological-independence-competitiveness-and>

<https://www.acatech.de/publikation/open-source-i40-innovationstreiber/>



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# SCS: Why thoroughly Open?

- Highly innovative
- Best possible quality
- Efficiency and reduced complexity
- Trust through transparency
- Digital sovereignty
- We believe that basic cloud technology and know-how should be common property.

