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## 7 steps to digital sovereignty


Digital sovereignty is important both for protecting sensitive business data and ensuring business continuity. Maintaining proper safeguards depends not only on internal practices, but also on those of your organization's technology, service, and cloud storage partners. Entrusting partners with data is necessary but can increase security risks. We recommend the following steps to strengthen your digital sovereignty posture.


-  **Consider open source alternatives**


Free open source software can be a good alternative to reduce licensing costs and dependence on proprietary systems.
-  **Look to EU software vendors**

The EU has the world's strictest regulations regarding data protection, consumer protection, and due diligence. EU-based software vendors typically include robust features for data and infrastructure protection.
-  **Use EU-based cloud storage and encrypt data**

Using cloud services that comply with the EU's strict data protection regulations can simplify and improve your data governance practices. You can also encrypt data stored in the cloud for an added layer of security.
-  **On-premises vs. cloud storage**

Keep sensitive data close to home with on-premises storage. With a hybrid strategy data access can be controlled reliably - provided you build up the necessary in-house expertise.
-  **Hold partners accountable**

Require contractual assurances and transparency from your technology and service partners regarding security standards, data processing, transfers to and from third countries, and compliance documentation.
-  **Have Plan B ready**

Through technical errors, system faults, manmade or natural disasters, or other events, technology and service partners may not be able to ensure safe handling of your data. Have backup and business continuity plans prepared in case you need to change providers quickly.
-  **Co-management and diversification**

Avoid over-dependence on individual software solutions through diversification and co-management. This will reduce the risks of downtime if a solution fails and allow you to switch to another quickly in an emergency.

Investing in digital sovereignty and data governance protects your data, reduces costs, and ensures business continuity. baramundi helps you keep your IT data and infrastructure reliable, resilient, and secure, whether you manage an on-premises, cloud, or hybrid environment.

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