



# Data Protection & Privacy in a Geopolitical World



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# Geopolitics - background



# Geopolitics in a digital world

## Digital Strategic Autonomy - Control of Infrastructure and Data

- Industrial Policy
- Innovation Policy
- Foreign Policy
- National Security Policy
- Protecting Citizens
- Protecting Companies
- Protecting the constitutions

- Technology leadership
- Protection of infrastructure
- Technology standards
- Legal and regulatory standards
- Shaping new markets and opportunities
- Supply chain risk management
- Ability to enforce your own laws



# Geopolitical shifts with significant disruptive effect

## US/China strategic competition

- Trade restrictions
- Divergence in standards
- Restrictions on certain industries

## From globalisation to nationalistic policies

- Data localisation
- Supply chain
- Barriers to large-scale investments

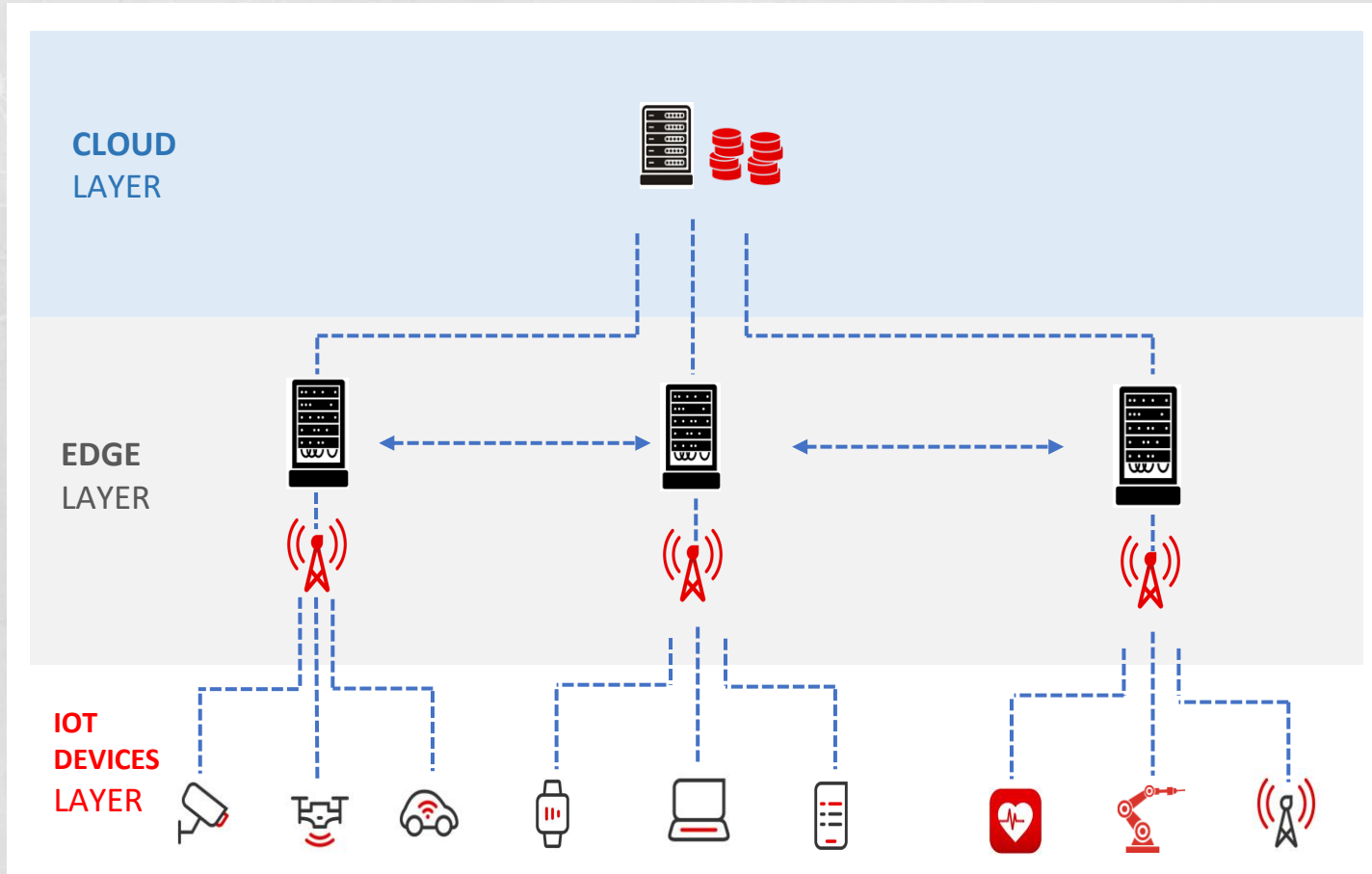
**Increase focus on national security, autonomy, re-shoring, tech sovereignty and resilience**



# EU Digital Strategy



# European Cloud Market?



- ✓ From €53bn in 2020 to €560bn by 2030
- ✓ Low level of cloud adoption in Europe
- ✓ Massive data volume increase
- ✓ 69% of European cloud services with hyperscalers

1. “Globalised Free Market”?
2. “Fortress Europe”?
3. “Open Strategic Sovereignty”?

# Digital Sovereignty – EU Data Strategy

## European Digital Single market

### WHY?

- Volume and importance of data increasing
- European competitiveness
- Climate, health, transport & other policy objects

### ISSUES?

- Fragmentation
- Availability of data
- Big Tech, US & China dominance
- Unclear rules on data rights
- Competence gaps
- Foreign access
- Misinformation & manipulation

### VISION?

#### European Way

- Data flows freely in Europe
- Data follows European rules and values
- Fair rules & interoperability
- Trusted & governed
- Cyber security
- Privacy & data protection
- Controlled international transfers
- Skills & competences





# Digital Sovereignty – EU Data Strategy

## Common European Data Spaces – Pooling data from key sectors

Health

Industrial

Agriculture

Finance

Mobility

Green  
Deal

Energy

Public  
Administ  
ration

Skills

Marketplace for Cloud Edge based services – AI

Rich pool of data

Privacy & Data Protection

Free flow of data across sectors and countries

Horizontal framework for data access and governance



# Overview of key legislative initiatives



# Digital Sovereignty – EU Data Strategy

## Creating a digital single market – legislative package

<b>DMA</b> Digital Markets Act <i>May 2023</i>	<b>DSA</b> Digital Services Act <i>May 2023</i>	<b>DGA</b> Data Governance Act <i>Sept 2023</i>	<b>DA</b> Data Act <i>N/A</i>	<b>AI</b> Artificial Intelligence Act <i>N/A</i>	<b>CRA</b> Cyber Resilience Act <i>N/A</i>
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**GDPR, ePrivacy, Free Flow of Data  
Cyber Security Strategy (NIS2, 5G Security Toolbox etc.)**



# Digital Markets Act

## *Competitive and fair digital sector*

### Applies to

- Core platform services, designated gate keepers (very large platforms with >45m monthly users/10k business users or €75m market cap / last 3 years)

### Sets requirements, e.g.

- No cross-use / combining of personal data
- No automatic sign-up of users to other services
- No use of personal data relating to users of third party services on the platform for advertising
- No use of business users' data to compete with them
- Access to and effective portability of data
- Access to 3rd party search engines to ranking, query, click and view data

### Effective

- May 2023, designation of gatekeepers mid-2023 and compliance in 2024.

### Fines

- up to 10% of global turnover, and 20% for repeat infringements



# Digital Services Act

*Combat illegal content, increase transparency, improve accountability, manage systemic risk*

Increasing obligations per intermediary service's role, size and impact

- Network infrastructure
- Hosting
- Online platforms
- Very large online platforms (>45m users)

Obligations include e.g.

- Changes in intermediary liability (e.g. reporting of serious crimes)
- Notice and action (hosting)
- Co-operation with regulators

- Trusted flaggers for illegal content
- Transparency reporting, complaint handling on content decisions
- Verification of traders in online market-places
- Recommenders without profiling
- Risk assessment for systemic risks

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# Data Governance Act

*Increase trust and facilitate data sharing*

**Applies to**

- Public sector bodies
- Data intermediation services
- Data altruism organisations

**Sets up a governance framework for data accessibility**

- Conditions for re-use of public sector data
- Notification & supervisory framework for data intermediation services
- Voluntary registration for data altruism organisations

**International transfers restrictions**

**Effective:** September 23rd, 2023

**Fines:** Member state discretion

# Data Act

*Make data available and fairness*

**Applies to**

- Manufacturers of IoT/IoB & suppliers of related services
- Data holders & Data recipients
- Data processing services (cloud & edge)

**Sets rules on**

- Rights to access and use data & transparency
- Making private data accessible to public sector in exceptional circumstances
- Remove barriers of switching
- Interoperability)

**International transfers restrictions**

**Effective** N/A

**Fines** 4% of annual global turnover



# AI Act

## *Manage AI risks through controls and transparency*

### Applies to

- AI systems & providers
- Importers & Distributors
- Users

### Sets rules on

- Prohibited AI
- High Risk AI
- Limited Risk AI
- Minimal Risk AI

### Effective:

- N/A (earliest 2024 - 2nd half)

### Fines:

- €30m or up to 6% annual global turnover (prohibited AI)
- €20m or up to 4% annual global turnover (other AI)



## AI Act

### Prohibited AI

*clear threat to safety, livelihoods and rights of people*

- Subliminal manipulation
- Facial Recognition in public spaces
- Exploit people's vulnerabilities (e.g. age, disabilities)

### High Risk AI

- Biometric identification & classification
- Critical infra management
- Education
- Employment
- Access to essential services
- Law Enforcement (e.g. risk assessment, profiling, evidence evaluation)
- Migration, asylum, border control
- Justice

### Requirements, e.g.

- Risk Management System
- Quality of Training, Validation & Test data
- Quality Management System
- Technical documentation
- Logging
- Human oversight ("stop")
- Accuracy
- Instructions to users
- Cyber security (incl. integrity attacks)
- Conformity assessment & registration & CE mark
- Transparency for human facing AI & Deep fake tag





# Cyber Resilience Act

*Improve security of products with digital elements*

## Applies to very broad range of digital products

- Operating systems, device management
- Browsers, Routers, IoT devices, Apps
- Network management tools
- Identity management, firewalls etc.
- Industrial Automation systems etc

## Requirements, e.g.

- Secure by Design
- Data minimisation (inc. non-personal data)
- Confidentiality, Integrity, Availability, Resilience
- Vulnerability handling, testing, updateability
- Responsible disclosure
- Transparency of security posture

## Conformity

- CE mark

## Effective:

- N/A

## Fines:

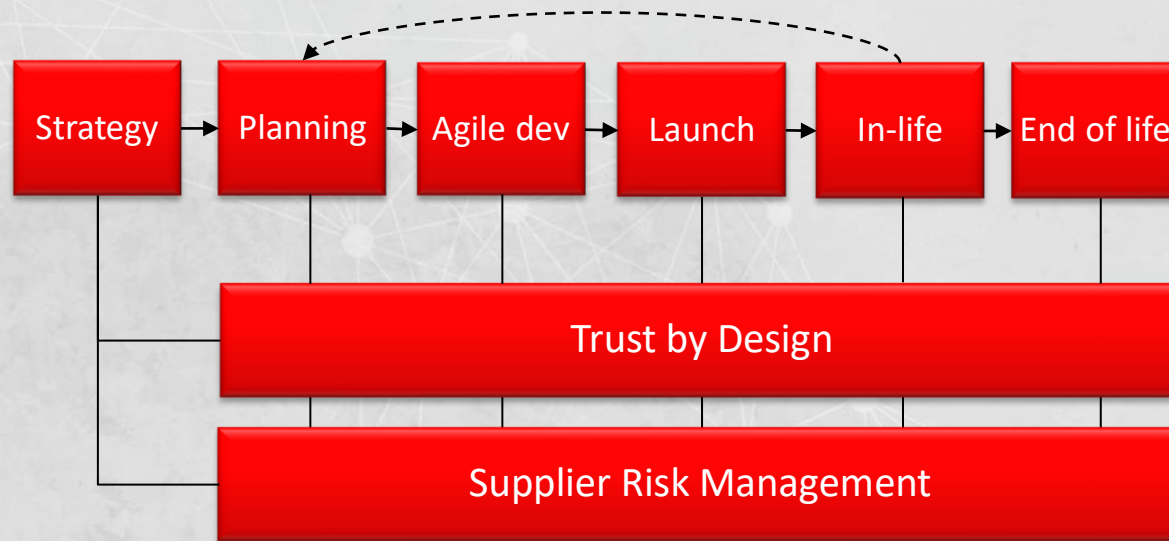
- €15m or up to 2.5% global annual turnover



# Capabilities to manage complexity



# Trust by Design - process



Policies, standards, processes,  
people, training, monitoring

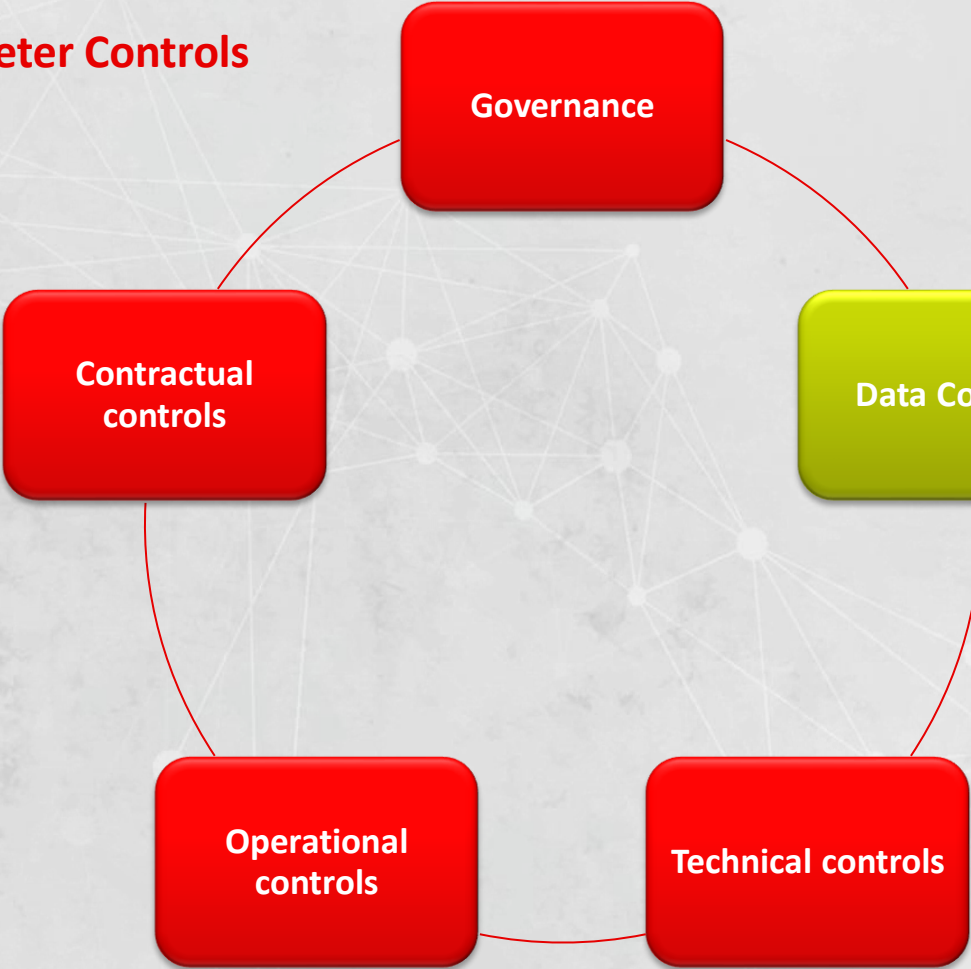
## Trust by Design

- Data by Design
- Privacy by Design
- Secure by Design
- Responsible AI by Design
- Trade & Sanctions by Design
- Human Impact Assessment
- Transfer Impact Assessment
- Supply Chain Compliance
- Engineering & Architecture



# Data Centric Controls

## Perimeter Controls



## Data Centric Controls

- Encryption
- Pseudonymisation
- Anonymisation
- Synthetic Data

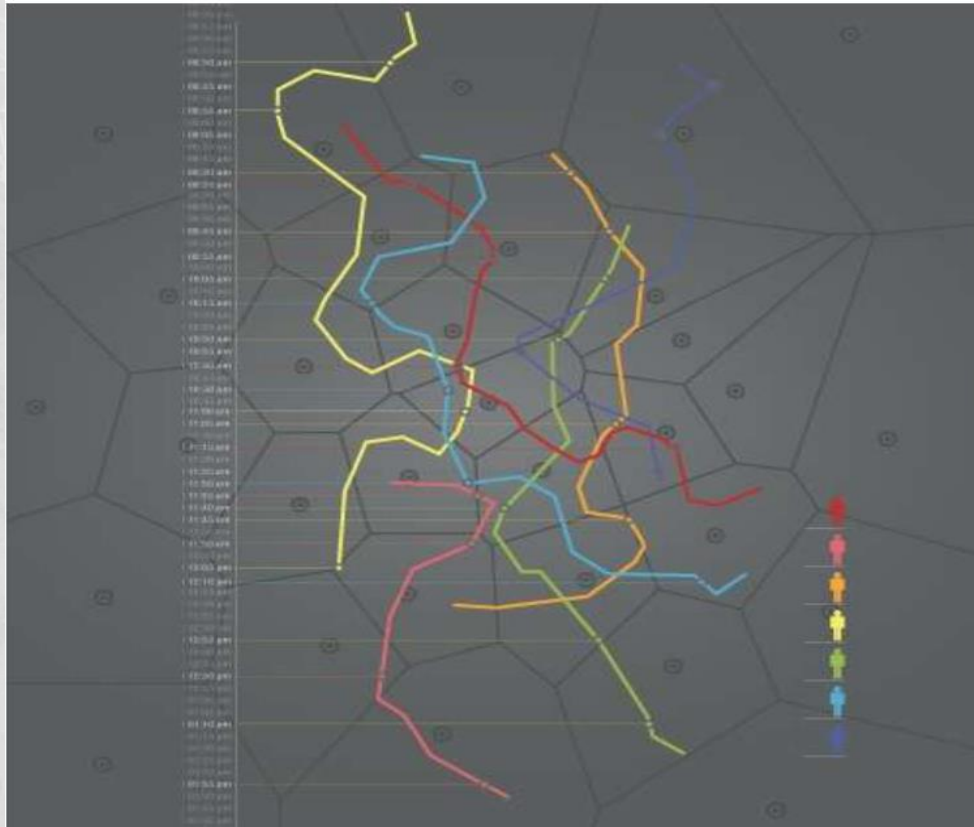
**Utility Preserving**

**Utility Destroying**

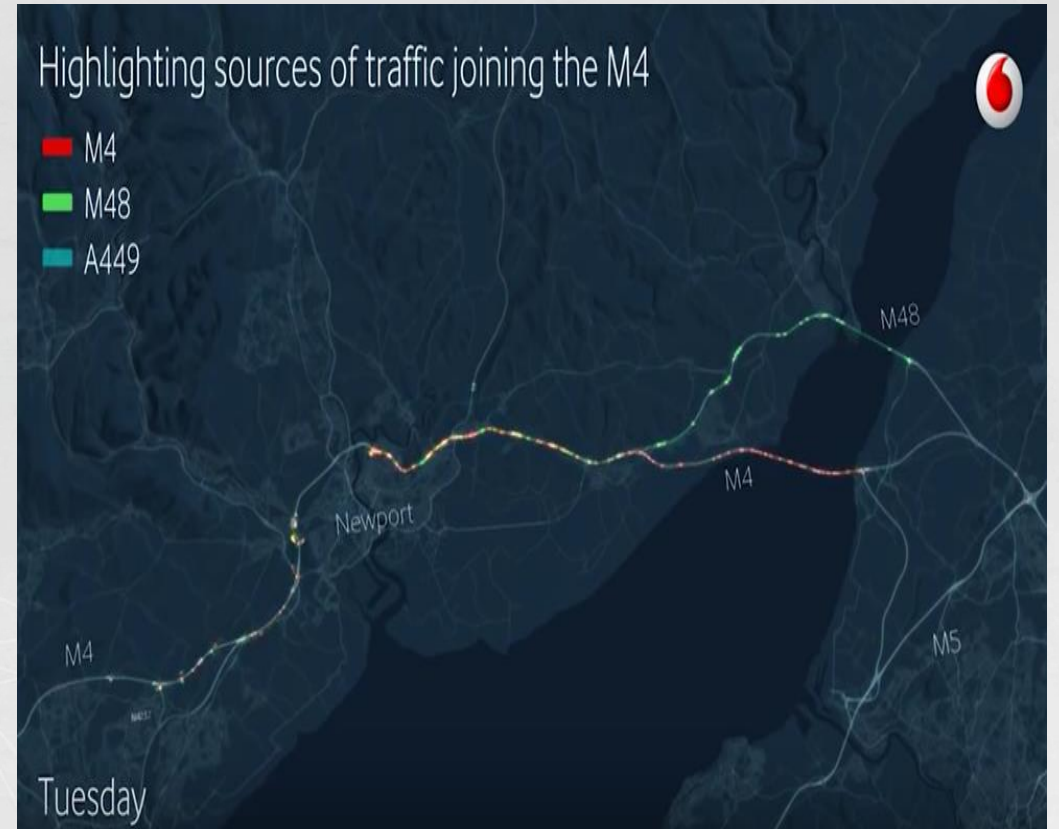


# Anonymisation of mobile data is not easy

Cell-ID + time stamp + Anonymous Unique Persistent User ID = easily not anonymous



Anonymised and aggregated to high level (>15) + large enough regional area (e.g. NUTS3) = anonymous



# Human Impact Assessment

## Tangible

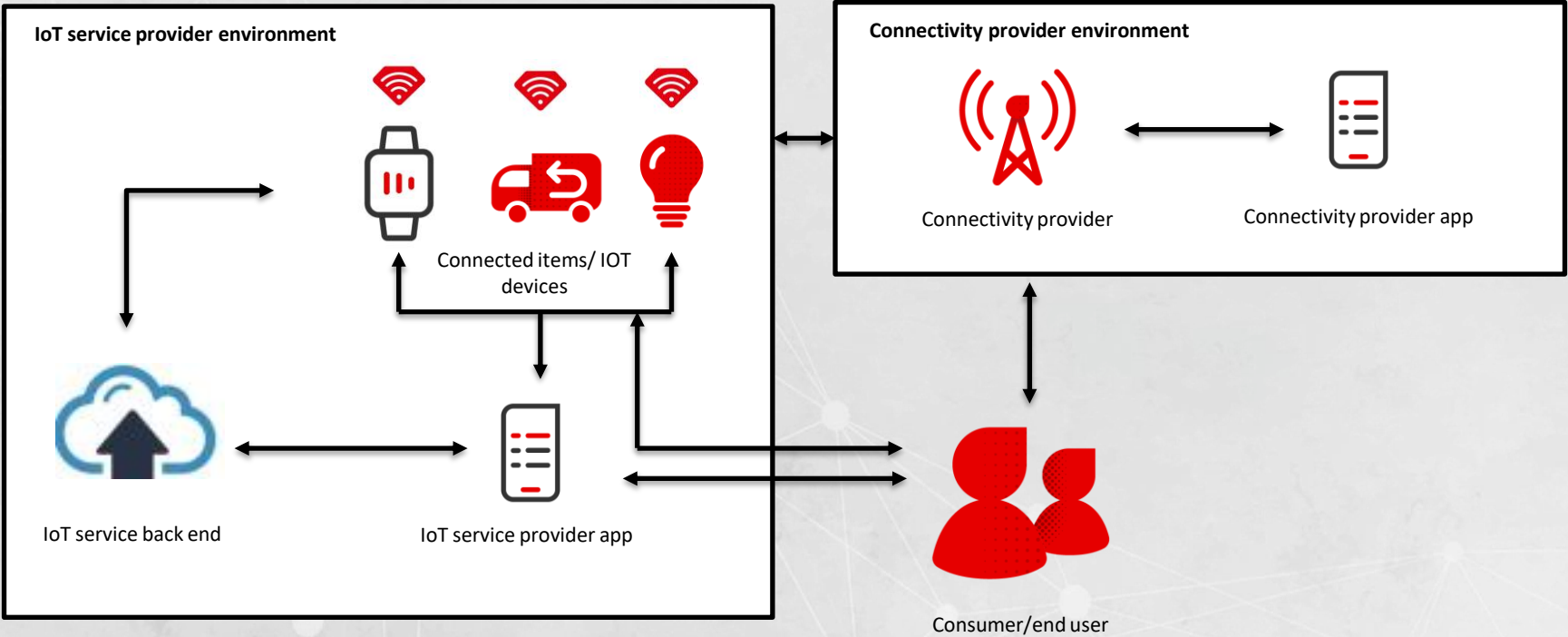
1. Death
2. Bodily Harm
3. Loss of freedom of movement
4. Property / asset harms
5. Monetary loss / fraud
6. Blocked or differential access to credit
7. Negative impact on employment
8. Loss of services

## Intangible

1. Damage to reputation, embarrassment
2. Emotional distress
3. Nuisance, irritation
4. Verbal abuse
5. Loss of sense of personal security
6. Loss of control over one's personality
7. Inability to exercise privacy or other rights
8. Loss of freedom of movement
9. Loss of freedom of association
10. Loss of freedom of political opinion, religious beliefs
11. Bias, stereotyping, unlawful discrimination
12. Loss of opportunity
13. Loss of control over the purposes of processing of personal data



# Ecosystem thinking – IoT as an example



# Conclusions





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## *Geopolitics is here to stay*

### Europe wants to find a European Way

- Build strategic autonomy
- Create fair, safe and secure online and digital infrastructure and services
- Make more data available and interoperable
- Increase transparency
- Prevent foreign access to data
- Prevent cyber threats
- Prevent supply chain risk
- Manage algorithmic, AI & misinformation risk
- Protect privacy, copyrights, other rights

Heavily sanctioned

Organisational capabilities are key

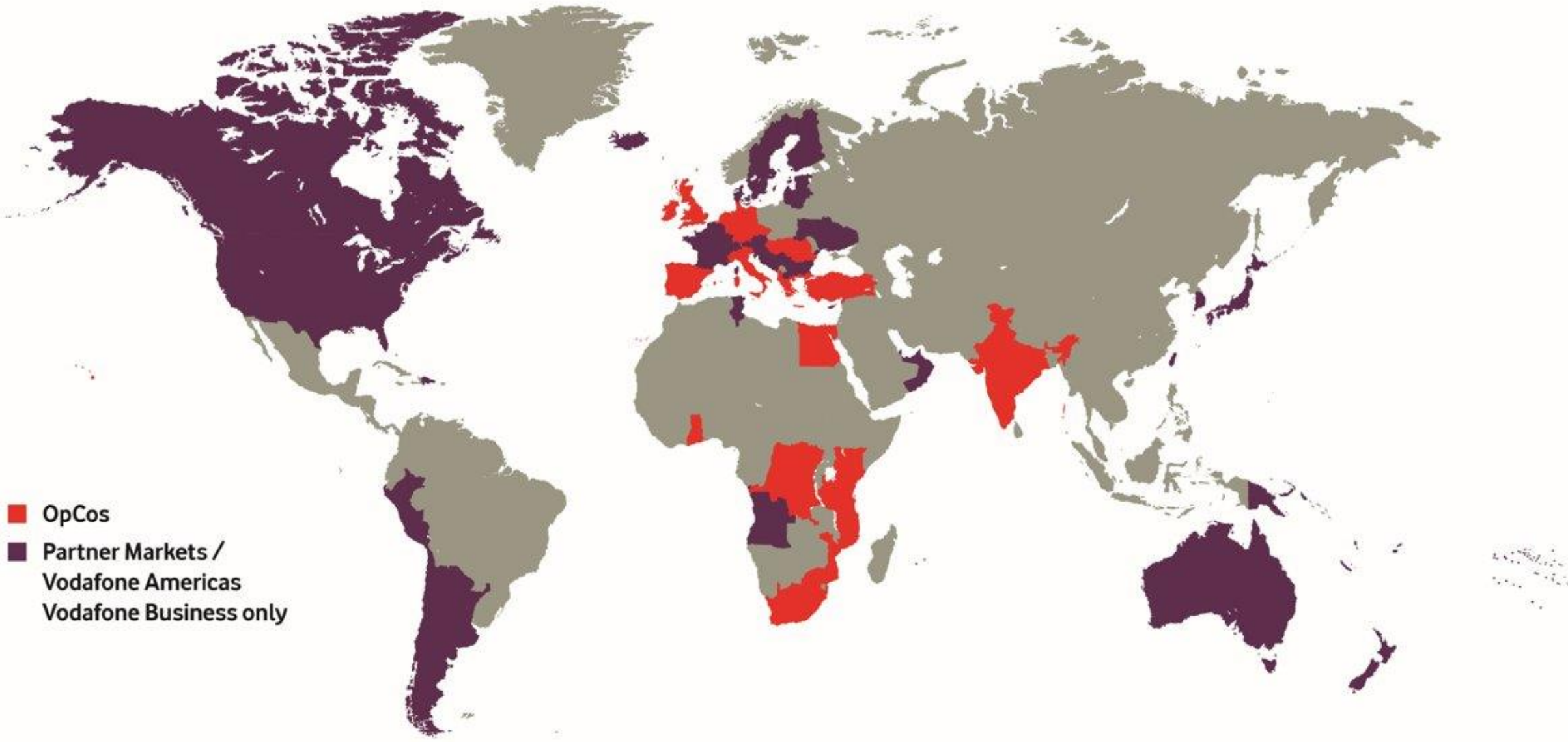


Questions?



# Vodafone operations and partners

September 2022



- OpCos
- Partner Markets / Vodafone Americas / Vodafone Business only

# Digital Sovereignty – EU Data Strategy

## Common European data space - creating a digital single market

### Phase 1 2010-2020

Promote Growth & Fair, Open and Secure Digital environment

- GDPR
- ePrivacy

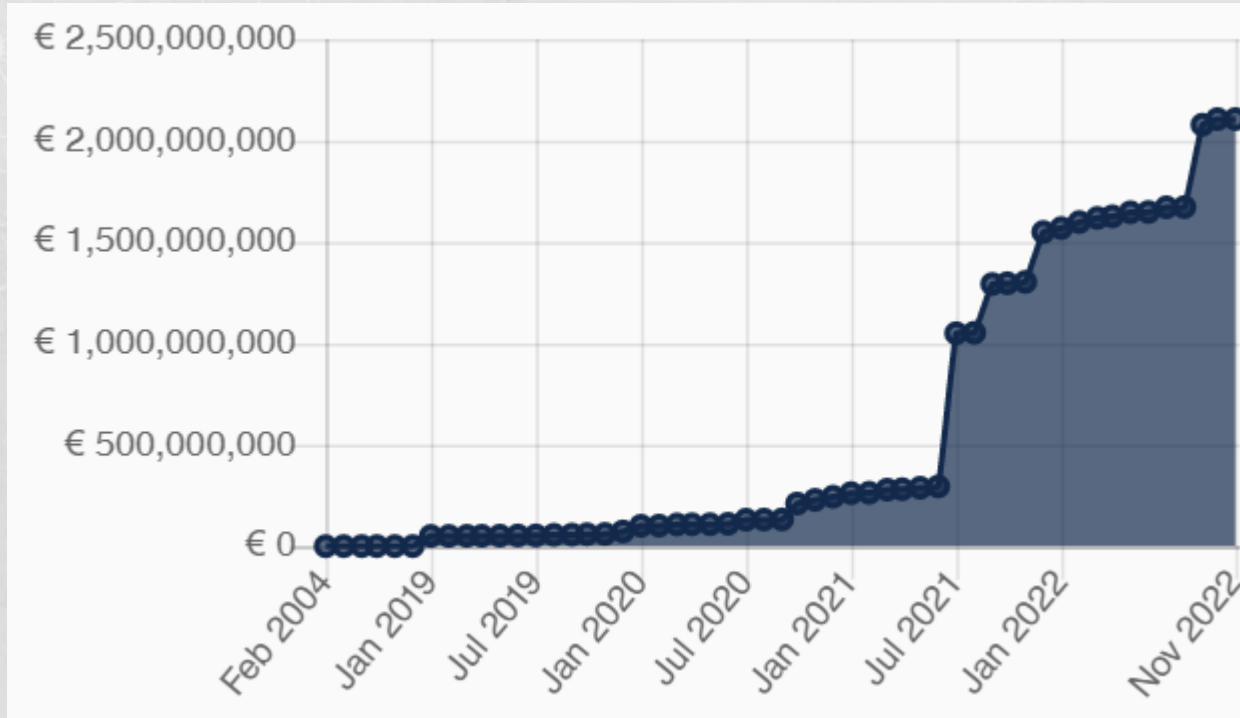
### Phase 2 2010-2020

Create European digital single market

- Investment programme
- Legislative package
- Digital Sovereignty



# Should enforcement be taken seriously?



Cumulative GDPR fines €2.1bn  
1350 enforcement actions

[Source: GDPR Enforcement Tracker - list of GDPR fines](#)

