

The Social Web and Digital Sovereignty

Building Social Advocacy Networks in and for Europe.

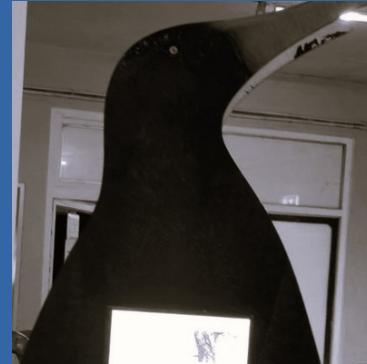
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Aufzeichnungen vom FediDay 2025 - 3. - 5. Oktober 2025 auf der c-base





SUMMIT ON
EUROPEAN
DIGITAL
SOVEREIGNTY

Who sits at the table while public money is spent ?



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Europäischer Gipfel zur digitalen Souveränität 2025

Unsere digitale Souveränität gemeinsam gestalten

Pressemitteilung 10/2025

Bundesminister für Digitales und Staatsmodernisierung, Dr. Karsten Wildberger, hat auf dem deutsch-französischen Ministerrat in Toulon den Digital-Gipfel 2025 mit einem Fokus auf europäischer digitaler Souveränität angekündigt, der am 18.11.2025 in Berlin auf Einladung des deutschen und des französischen Digitalministeriums stattfinden wird. Gemeinsam mit der französischen Digitalministerin Clara Chappaz und weiteren hochrangigen europäischen Politikerinnen und Politikern soll auf dem Gipfel ein starker Impuls für ein digital souveränes Europa gegeben werden.

11.30

Morning Sessions

- Start-ups and Solutions
- Cloud and Data Sovereignty
- AI-State of Europe

Afternoon Sessions

- EUDI Wallet
- Digital Commons as a Pillar of Digital Sovereignty - EDIC
- DMA - Fairer Markets in Support of Digital Sovereignty

<https://bmds.bund.de/aktuelles/eu-summit/programm/programm>

17 November

High Level Forum on Public Procurement (BMDS Side Event)

Future Builders Forum

International Workshop on Open Source Foundation Models

eco Warm-up to the European Summit on Digital Sovereignty

Announcement of the European Network for Technological Resilience and Sovereignty (ETRS)

A technologically resilient Europe: The EuroStack - Roundtable on EuroStack industry initiative

Scaling Sovereignty: VC & Startups Powering Europe's Tech Future

Digital Sovereignty as a Democratic Endeavour

POLITICO Sovereign Night

Reception on the Occasion of the European Summit on Digital Sovereignty

<https://bmds.bund.de/aktuelles/eu-summit/side-events-overview>



Solution for Sovereignty? EuroStacks

EuroStack The White Paper Buy European ▾ The Letter Who We Are ▾ European Catalogue Project

Building Europe's digital future

EuroStack™ is our original idea for a European Industrial Policy initiative bringing together tech, governance and funding for Europe-focused investment to build and adopt a suite of digital infrastructures: from connectivity to cloud computing, AI and digital platforms.

The EuroStack Industry Initiative
Euro-stack.eu
Buy European, Sell European, and Fund European

■ The EuroStack Directory: Trusted Tools for Digital Sovereignty

Discover sovereign European services and innovative open source technologies that champion interoperability and put you in control of your digital stack.

Featured Categories

- Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS)**
Virtualized computing resources available on demand.
→ 36 solutions
- Edge Computing**
Software and hardware systems enabling local data processing.
→ 2 solutions
- Container Management**
Tools for automating and managing the deployment, operation, and monitoring of containerized applications.
→ 16 solutions

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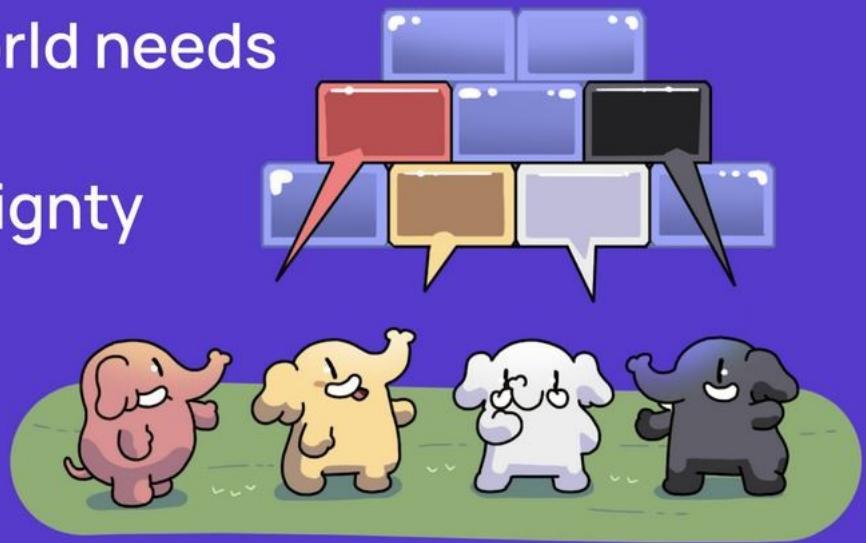
- I. Making it European is not enough. They need to be open as well.
- II. If public money is to be spent, than public digital infrastructure such as open social networks must be funded as well.
- III. Open social networks are a key part of achieving real digital sovereignty.

The world needs social sovereignty



Hannah Aubry
Community Director

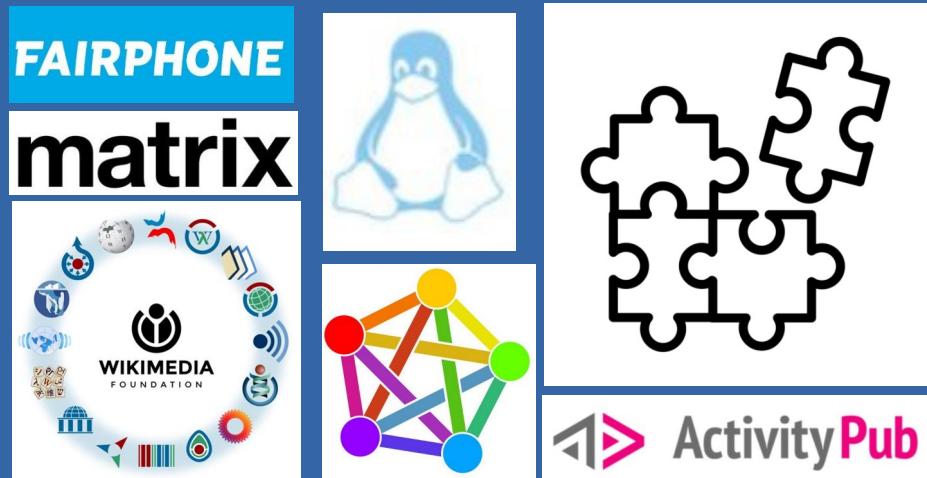
The world needs
social
sovereignty



<https://blog.joinmastodon.org/2025/12/the-world-needs-social-sovereignty/>

Building blocks of public digital infrastructure

- Hardware
- Operating system
- Free and Open Software
- Means of communications
- Knowledge infrastructure
- Interoperable social networks
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Policy Paper and demands

Our demands #EUsummit25

1. Fediverse Fund for user-centred further development, amounting to €30 million annually
2. Anchoring the +1 principle in the work of the federal government and public institutions
3. Recognition of non-profit status in the field of decentralised digital infrastructure, thereby establishing legal certainty
4. Establishment of decentralised, interoperable and cross-sectoral pan-European media platforms with the involvement of civil society from the outset



For open networks and democratic public spheres – decentralised, sovereign, and for the common good!

Demands on the occasion of the European Summit for Digital Sovereignty on 18 November 2025 in Berlin

Our alliance of digital organisations would like to actively contribute to the development of concepts for digital sovereignty on the occasion of the 'European Summit on Digital Sovereignty' hosted by Germany and France on 18 November 2025.¹

Political demands

Long paper in german, french and english:

<https://offene-netzwerke.eu/forderungen/>

Launch Alliance Press Conference



A screenshot of a video conference interface. At the top, there is a list of participants with small video thumbnails. Below this is a slide with the text "Offene Netzwerke" and "demokratische Öffentlichkeit". To the right of the slide is a vertical list of language options: Bulgarian, Croatian, Czech, Dutch, English, Estonian, Finnish, French, and German. At the bottom of the slide, there are video controls: a play button, a progress bar showing 0:06/21:22, and other controls for volume, peers, and settings.

Press conference Alliance

<https://displayeurope.video/w/1xijkEtEd4dMnvJD386s7C>

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Digitale Souveränität

Neues Bündnis fordert mehr Engagement für offene Netzwerke

In der kommenden Woche treffen sich in Berlin die Regierungschefs von Deutschland und Frankreich mit der EU-Kommission zu einem Souveränitätsgipfel. Ein neues Bündnis aus der Zivilgesellschaft stellt vier Forderungen auf, um mit offenen sozialen Netzwerken unabhängiger zu werden.

12.11.2025 um 17:36 Uhr - Markus Reuter - in Netze - keine Ergänzungen



Das Bündnis erwartet sich von offenen Netzwerken wichtige Impulse für die Demokratie. (Symbolbild)
– Gemeinfreiähnlich freigegeben durch unsplash.com Alexander Grey

Das neue Bündnis „Offene Netzwerke und demokratische Öffentlichkeit. Dezentral, souverän und für Gemeinwohl!“ hat heute auf einer Pressekonferenz seine Forderungen für offene Netzwerke vorgestellt. Das zivilgesellschaftliche Bündnis, dem unter anderem die Digitale Gesellschaft,



TL;DR:
‘A missed opportunity to shape true digital sovereignty.’

Long review on our blog:
<https://offene-netzwerke.eu/Blog/>

Alliance „Open networks and democratic public spheres“





THE FEDIVERSE & THE EU'S DIGITAL SERVICES ACT

solving the challenges of modern social media?



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We can win this together! ✨

Let us

- get to know each other, 
- repeat our concept and demands whenever possible,
- be strong together and have fun doing it. 

Thanks to Wikimedia Austria, Save Social & Askan - for making my attendance at Fosdem26 possible!