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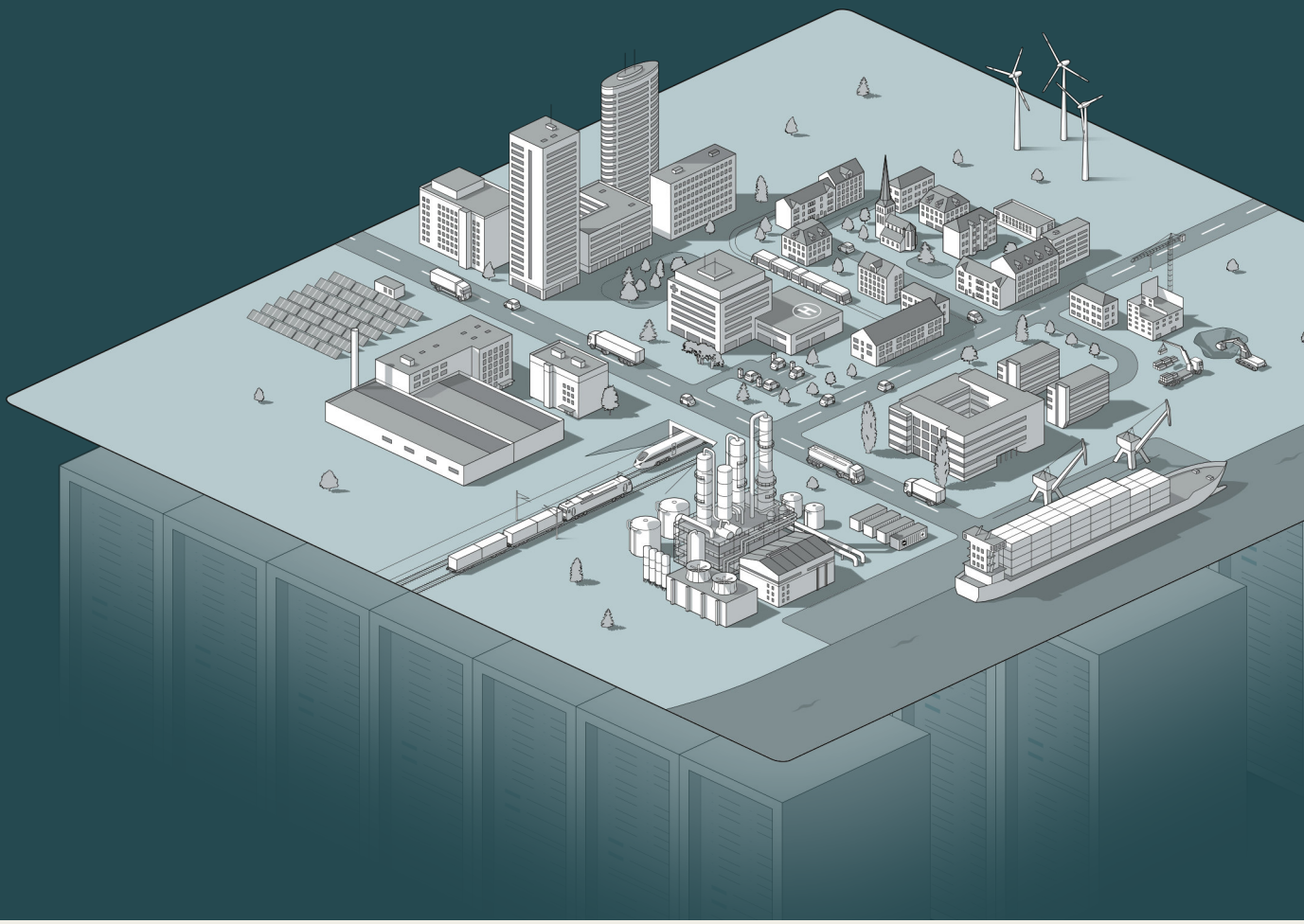
Getting started

Our guide to your digital sovereignty.



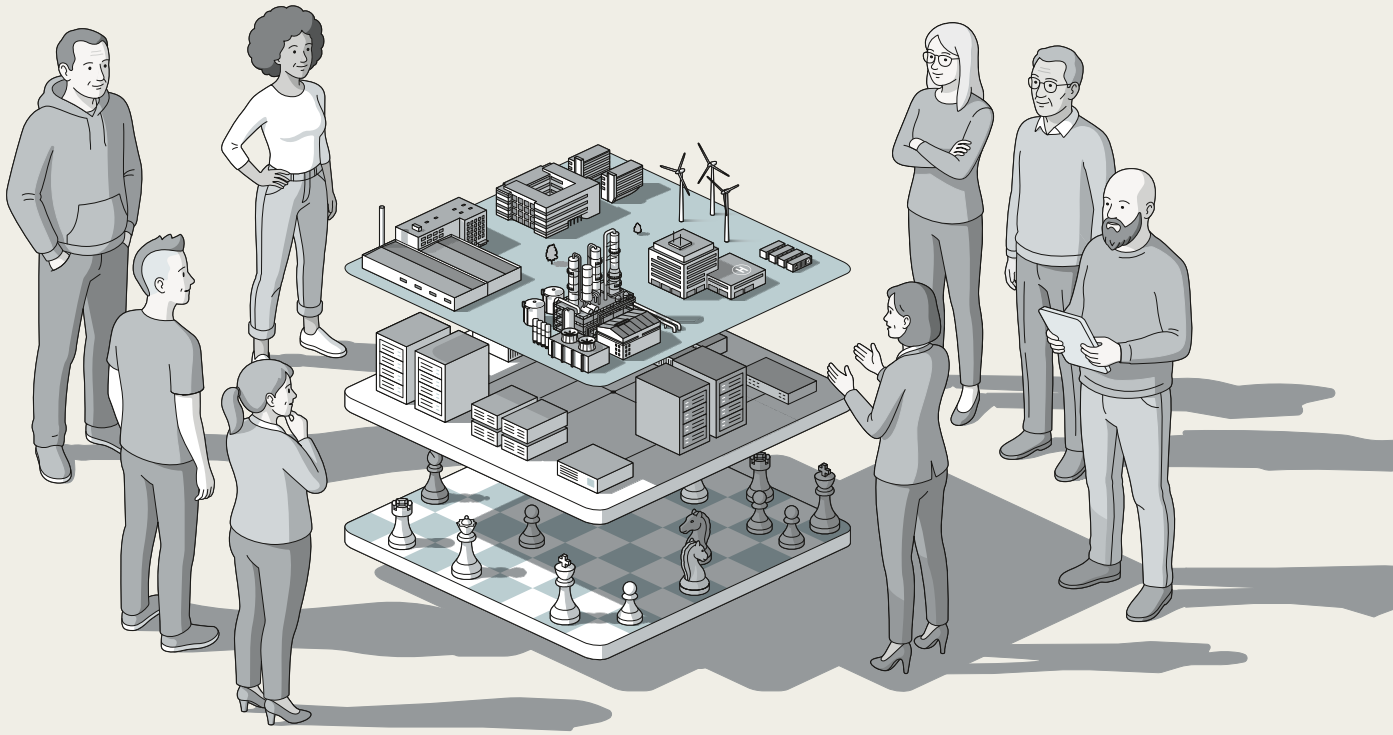
Digital sovereignty provides freedom of action. With your own cloud infrastructure, you decide which technologies you want to use, where you process and store your data, and who has access to it. The right solution looks different for everyone and depends on your own requirements and circumstances. Our four perspectives will help you get started.

Strategy

Where are you today, where do you want to go, and what do you need to get there? It is useful to have a clear vision, as the path to digital sovereignty is rarely straightforward. Taking a step-by-step approach makes planning easier and creates room for adjustments. It also gives your team enough time to grow into the task and to work out where it makes sense to bring in external partners on a temporary basis.

Infrastructure

Are you starting from scratch or building on existing infrastructure? This is not a technical detail, but a fundamental decision. It determines the effort involved, possible compromises and the requirements for day-to-day operations. The scope matters too: is it initially just about computing power, or does the network need to be rethought as well?



Applications

How sovereign are your applications? Do you use proprietary technologies? A sovereign infrastructure is a solid foundation, but dependencies often arise at application level too. It is worth assessing at an early stage whether existing systems should be migrated, or whether alternatives based on open standards offer greater interchangeability and therefore more freedom of action in the long term.

Enablement

Who should operate your infrastructure in future? This is where in-house capabilities come into play: the more expertise you have within your organisation, the less you tend to rely on others. Besides technical staff, this also applies to the managers who make decisions on technology and procurement. You can build up this knowledge step by step, for example through seminars.

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