

FINAL CONFERENCE

CONTINUING OUR *LEARNING* JOURNEY

Two years of turning *digital skills*
and *data* into real growth for the *social economy*.

DO Impact Final Conference

Reimagining the Digital Future: Inclusive
Innovation Beyond Technology Power Brokers



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Agenda — Day 1

7 July 2026 · European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

13:00 – 13:30

Registration and Welcome Coffee

13:30 – 13:45

Welcome Words and Opening Remarks

13:45 – 14:15

Keynote: Shaping Europe's Digital Future

14:15 – 15:00

Session I — Digital and Data-Driven Transformation as a Driver of Social Impact in Europe

15:00 – 15:30

Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:20

Session II — Small Voices, Big Systems: Keeping Democracy Human in the Age of AI

16:20 – 17:00

Session III — Policy Roundtable: Building a European Data Ecosystem for the Social Economy

17:00

Wrap Up and Future Opportunities

Welcome Words & Opening Remarks



Gianluca Pastorelli

*Executive President,
Diesis Network*



Philip von Brockdorff

*Vice President, EESC Workers' Group
Professor of Economics, University of Malta*

Keynote:

*“Shaping Europe's Digital Future:
Data, AI and the Social Economy in Service of the Common Good”*

Giuseppe Guerini

*President,
Cooperatives Europe*



Session 1:

“Digital and Data-Driven Transformation as a Driver of Social Impact in Europe”

Facilitated by:



Gianluca Pastorelli
*Executive President,
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Speakers:



Anastasia Costantini
*Policy Officer,
European Commission
DG EMPL*



Sarah de Heusch
*Director,
Social Economy Europe*



Elisa Lironi
*Deputy Executive Director,
ECAS*

Session 1:

Digital and Data Action Plan (DDAP)

The **DDAP for the social economy** represents a framework and strategic shift towards a more equitable and democratic digital landscape in Europe.

- **Policy & Advocacy:** Strategic Recognition and Ethical Governance
- **Capacity and Human Capital:** Upskilling and Mentoring
- **Infrastructure & Resource Mobilisation:** Sustainable Scaling and Finance
- **Ecosystem Synergies:** Interoperability, Scalability, Redistribution

Coffee Break

15.00 - 15.30



Session 2:

“Small Voices, Big Systems: Keeping Democracy Human in the Age of AI”

Facilitated by:



Aneta Quraishy
*Senior Expert,
Diesis Network*

Speakers:



Jakub Szymik
*Founder,
CEE Digital Democracy
Watch*



Marta Bieńkiewicz
*Policy & Partnership Manager,
Cooperative AI Foundation*



Anna Sienicka
*Senior Vice President,
Techsoup*



Hendrik Nahr
*Head of European Affairs,
Make.org*

A close-up portrait of a woman with dark, wavy hair and blue eyes, looking directly at the camera. She is wearing a light-colored, textured garment. The background is slightly out of focus, showing a window with horizontal blinds and a dark lamp hanging from the ceiling.

Marta Bienkiewicz
Policy & Partnership Manager,
Cooperative AI Foundation

A portrait of Marta Bienkiewicz, a woman with dark, wavy hair, smiling at the camera. She is wearing a light-colored blazer. The background is an indoor setting with a window featuring horizontal blinds on the left and a dark pendant light hanging on the right.

Marta Bienkiewicz

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Policy Roundtable:

“Building a European Data Ecosystem for the Social Economy”

Facilitated by:



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Speakers:



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Open but Not Powerless: From Critical Dependency to EU Digital Sovereignty

Gianluca Sgueo

Digital and Data Sovereignty Unit, Joint Research Centre

DO Impact Policy Roundtable

1. The European Union Today –
Strategic vulnerabilities and locking-in trajectories

2. EU Digital Sovereignty – *Reducing Europe's
critical dependencies*

3. The JRC Research Agenda –
Science for Policy



1. THE EUROPEAN UNION TODAY

Strategic vulnerabilities and locking-in trajectories



PREDOMINANCE OF NON - EU OWNERSHIP ACROSS KEY DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE



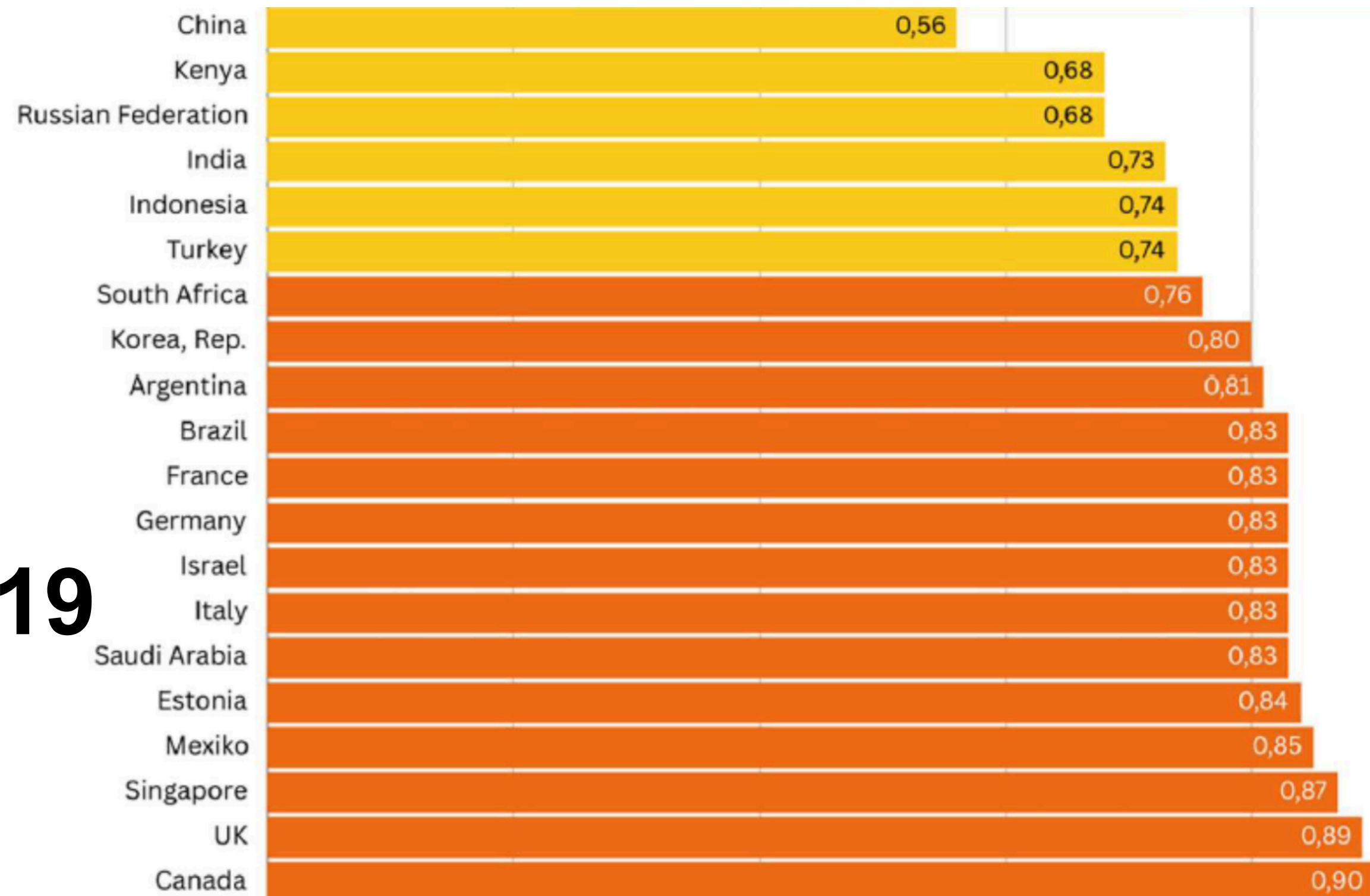
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Data and artificial intelligence		 US		 China		OpenAI, Microsoft, Google, Meta, Anthropic, XAI, Amazon, Baidu, Tencent, Alibaba, DeepSeek	
Software		 US	 China		 Germany	Microsoft, Apple, Alphabet, Meta, Amazon, Salesforce, SAP, ByteDance, Tencent	
Cloud		 US		 China		Amazon, Microsoft, Alphabet, Alibaba	
Internet of things & devices		 US	 China	 Korea	 Germany	Amazon, Google, Apple, Samsung, Huawei, Bosch, Siemens, Xiaomi	
Networks		 US	 China	 Europe	 Japan	Huawei, Nokia, Ericsson, ZTE, SpaceX, NEC	
Chips		 Taiwan	 Korea	 US	 Netherlands	TSMC, Samsung, Intel, NVIDIA, AMD, ASML	
Raw materials, energy, and water		 US		 China		 Russia	Chinese government (through SOEs e.g., China Rare Earth Group), ExxonMobil, Gazprom

source: Bertelsmann Stiftung, 2025



BILATERAL DEPENDENCE ON US-AMERICAN PLATFORMS IN 2019

(software and communication)

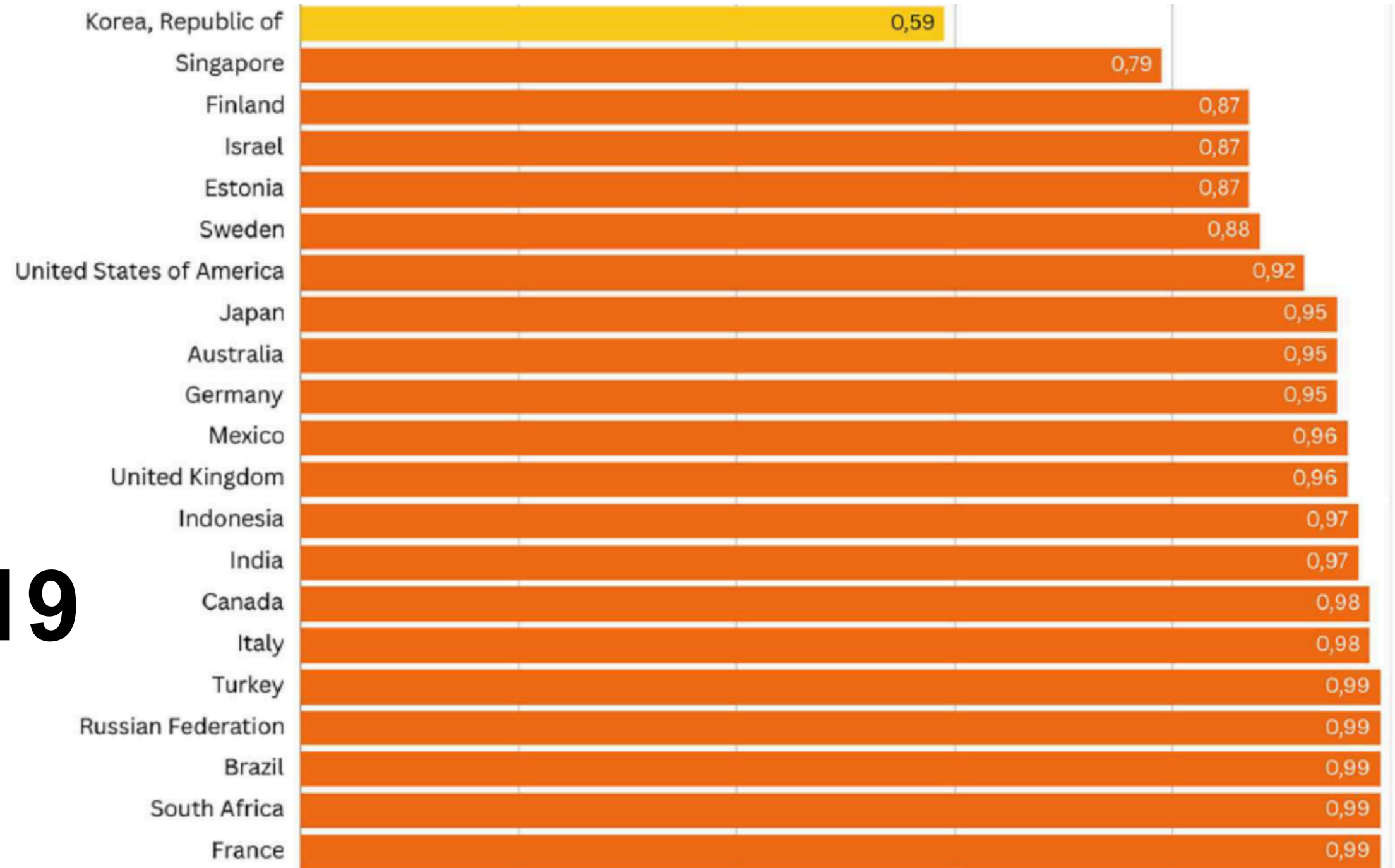


Source: Mayer & Lu (2025)



GLOBAL DEPENDENCIES IN THE DIGITAL DOMAIN 2/4

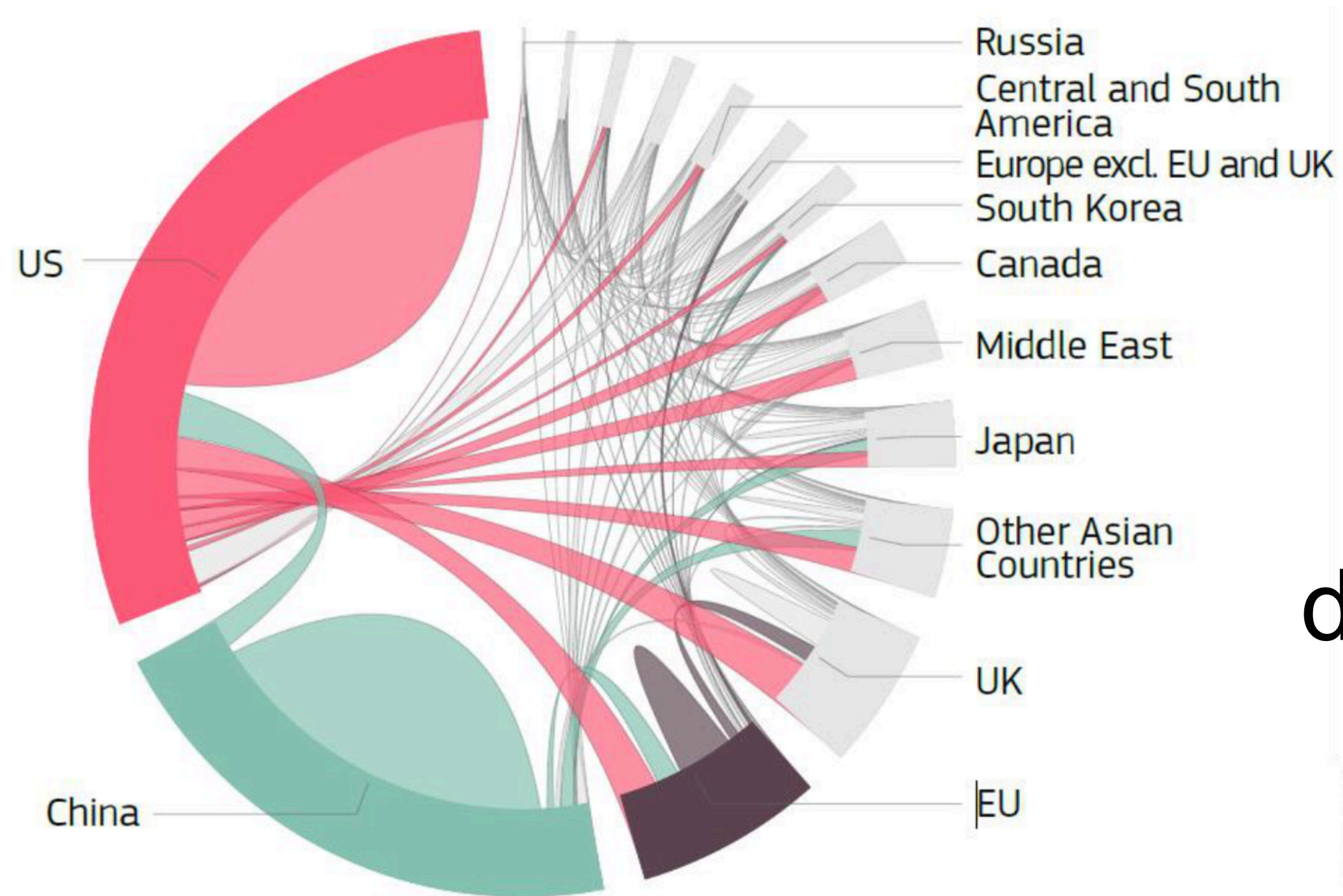
BILATERAL DEPENDENCE ON CHINESE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT IN 2019 (*ICT trade in goods*)



Source: Mayer & Lu (2025)



GLOBAL DEPENDENCIES IN THE DIGITAL DOMAIN 3/4



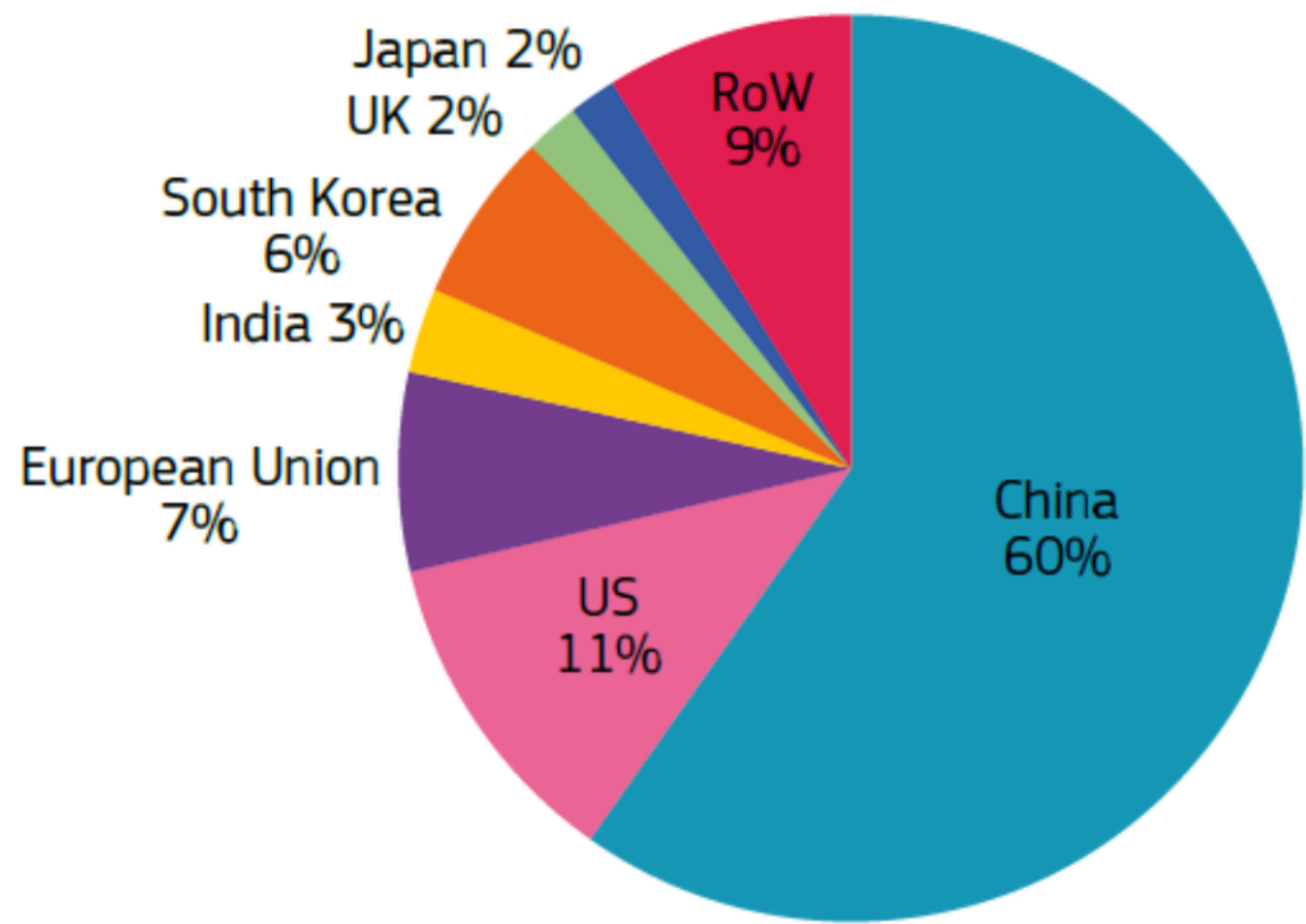
Venture capital and private equity investments in the digital domain between 2009 and 2024

source: Signorelli et al. 2025, JRC

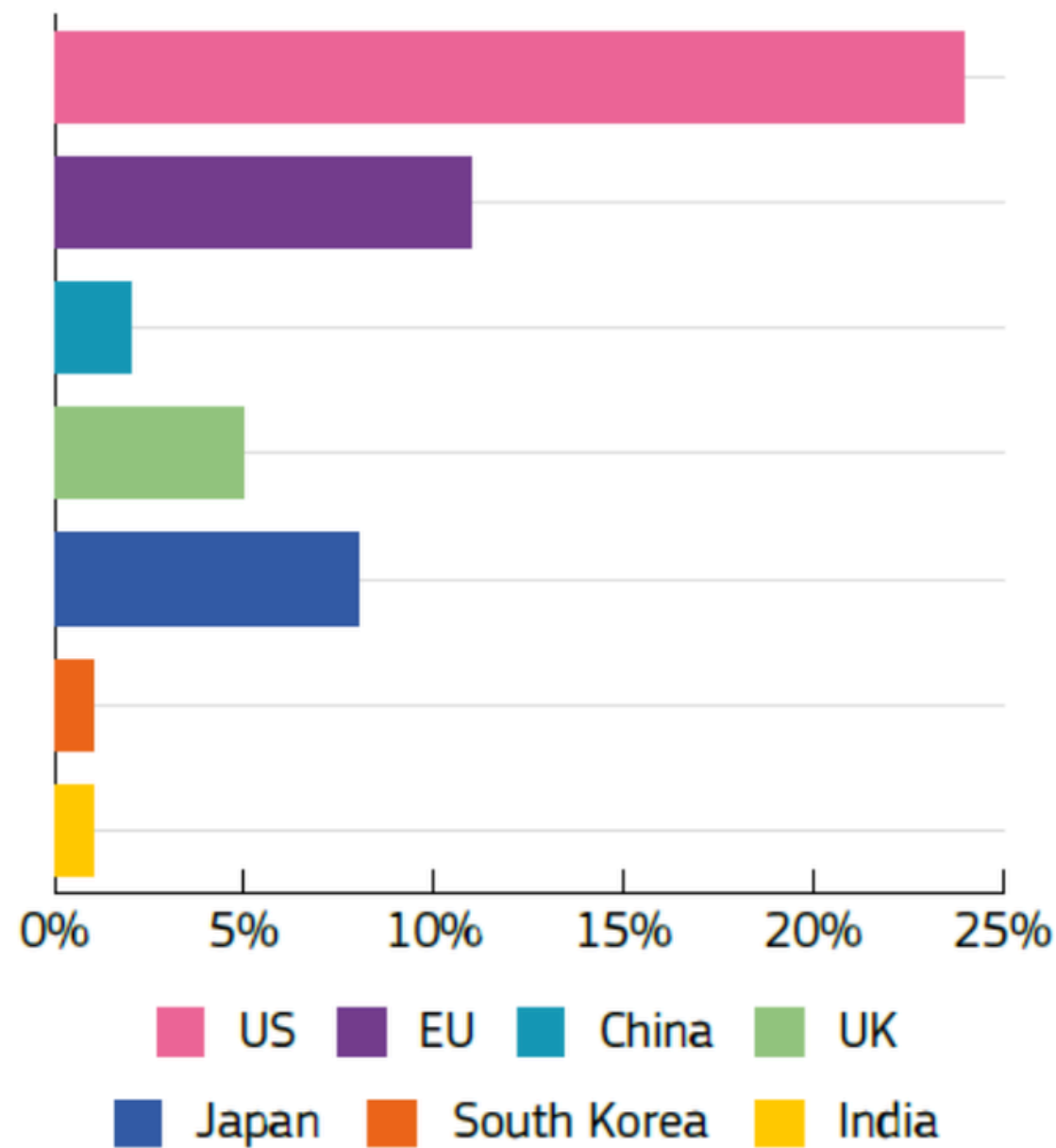


GLOBAL DEPENDENCIES IN THE DIGITAL DOMAIN 4/4

GLOBAL DISTRIBUTION OF GEN AI PLAYERS 2009 - 2024



CONTROL OF GEN AI PLAYERS



source: Abendroth et al. 2025, JRC



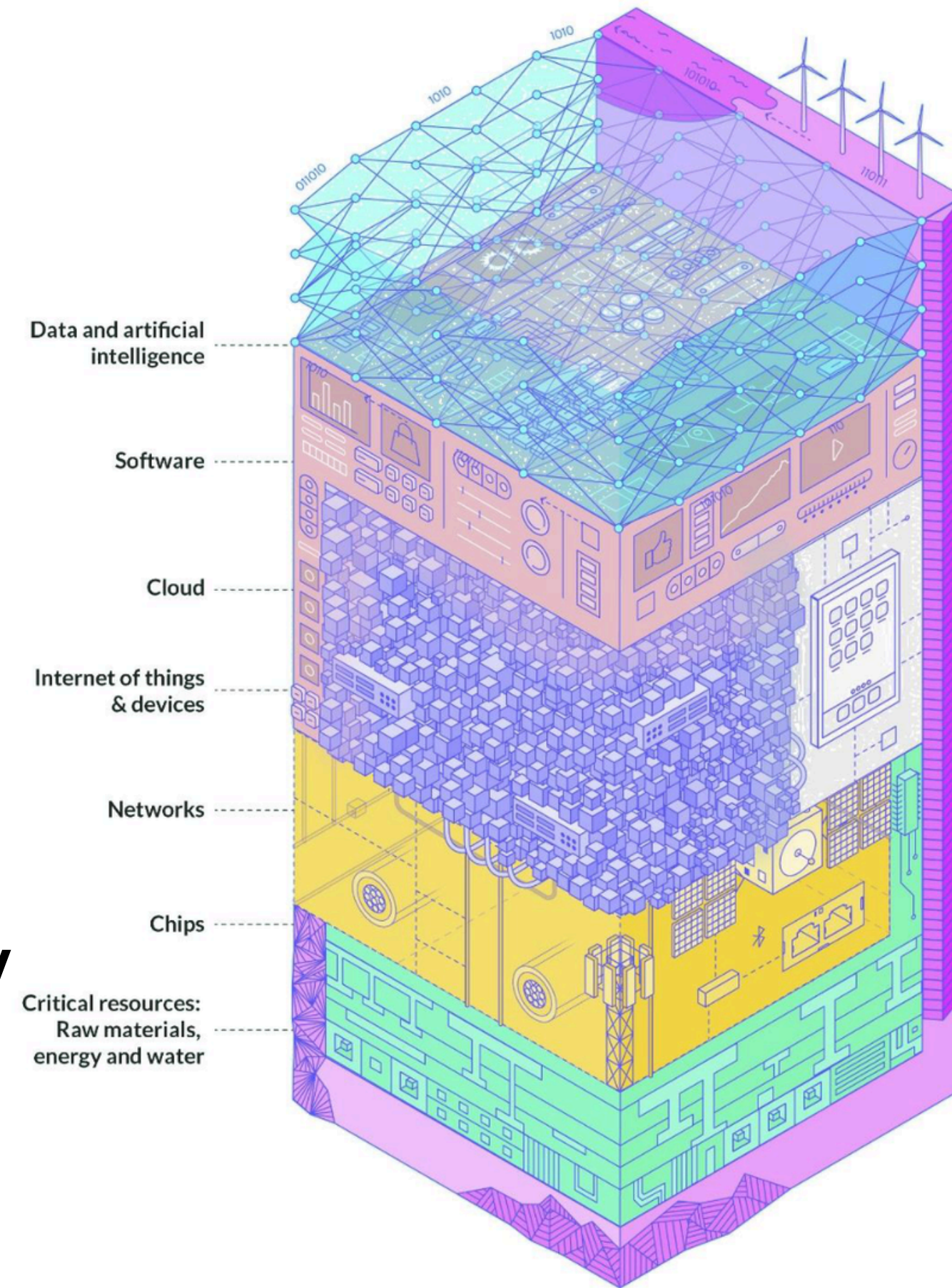
2. EU DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY

Reducing Europe's critical dependencies



EU DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY: A STRATEGIC PRIORITY

Digital Sovereignty is rapidly becoming a strategic priority for Europe as a response to growing vulnerabilities in cybersecurity, industrial competitiveness & democracy



- European Parliament Resolution on **Shaping the Digital Future** (2021)



- European Parliament Resolution for the **European Strategy for Data** (2021)

- European Parliament resolution on the **European Union Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade** (2021)



- Vienna Declaration on **Digital Sovereignty** (2025)

- EU Parliament Resolution on **Technological Sovereignty and Digital Transformation and Digital Infrastructures** (2026)

- Commission's **EU TechSovereignty Package** (2026)



The **EUtech sovereignty package** is a set of measures designed to strengthen Europe's capacity in semiconductors, artificial intelligence, cloud and open source

The package includes **two legislative proposals** – the Chips Act 2.0 and the Cloud Act and AI Development Act – as well as the **Open Source Strategy** and a **Strategic Roadmap for Digitalisation and AI in Energy**



The Technological Sovereignty Package will strengthen Europe's competitiveness, strategic autonomy and geoeconomic position.

WHAT IT MEANS



Boosting homegrown industrial capacity and autonomy across the supply chain.



Increasing choice for end-users.



Securing the supply of digital technologies.



Developing, controlling and scaling critical technologies, infrastructure, services and data.



Setting the standards for key strategic technologies.

THE PACKAGE INCLUDES

CHIPS ACT 2.0

CLOUD AND
AI DEVELOPMENT ACT

EU
OPEN SOURCE
STRATEGY

STRATEGIC ROADMAP
FOR DIGITALISATION
AND AI IN ENERGY

CHIPS ACT 2.0

WE NEED CHIPS TO



IMPROVE

framework conditions:
Encourage faster permits, reduce the skills shortage and support European regions.



BOOST

European demand:
Stimulate demand from user sectors.



ENSURE

supply chain resilience:
Reduce gaps in supply and vulnerabilities in the value chains.



BUILD

capabilities:
Stimulate AI chips production, predicted to drive growth in the sector.



CLOUD AND AI DEVELOPMENT ACT



Research, Development and Innovation

Supporting the research, development and innovation to develop and deploy the next generation of cloud and AI technologies.



Computing capacity

Removing barriers to tripling Europe's data centre capacity over the next years.



Autonomy

Accelerating the roll out of cloud and AI for critical sectors with a single EU-wide framework to assess cloud and AI sovereignty, while keeping most of our market open to like-minded partners.

EU OPEN SOURCE STRATEGY

€264 billion¹

Spent annually on third country products and services.

3 million²

Open source contributors in Europe delivering digital solutions.

Objectives



Boost adoption



Develop a vibrant ecosystem



Support public administration



Promote open source internationally

STRATEGIC ROADMAP FOR DIGITALISATION AND AI IN THE ENERGY SECTOR



Sustainable integration of data centres into the energy system.



Deploying digital and AI technologies in the energy system.



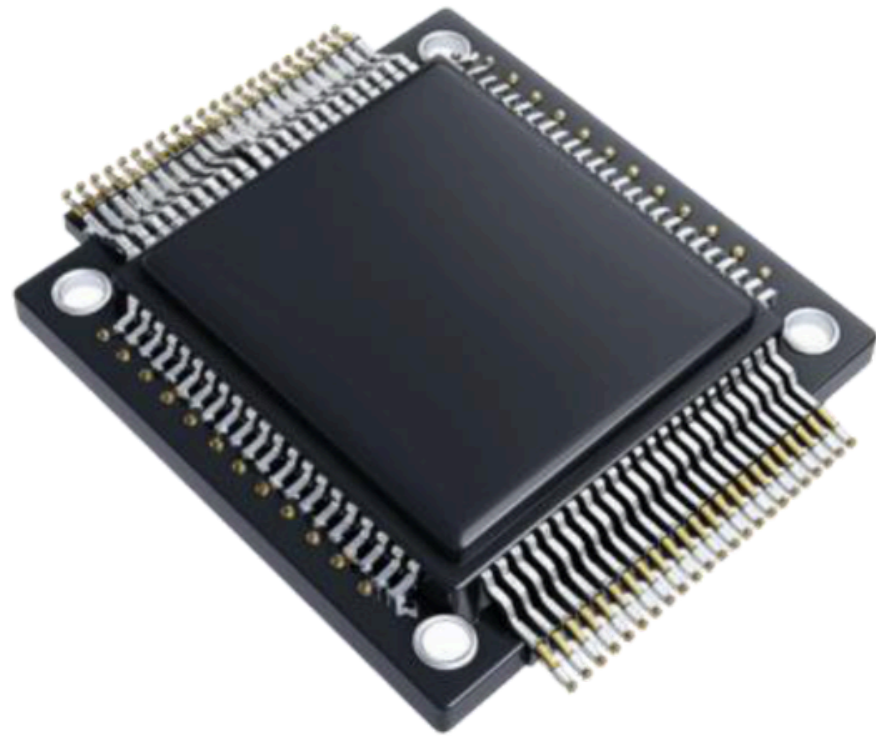
Streamlining the energy data exchange framework.



Enhancing trust, safety and cybersecurity of digital technologies.



SECURING THE SEMICONDUCTOR BASE

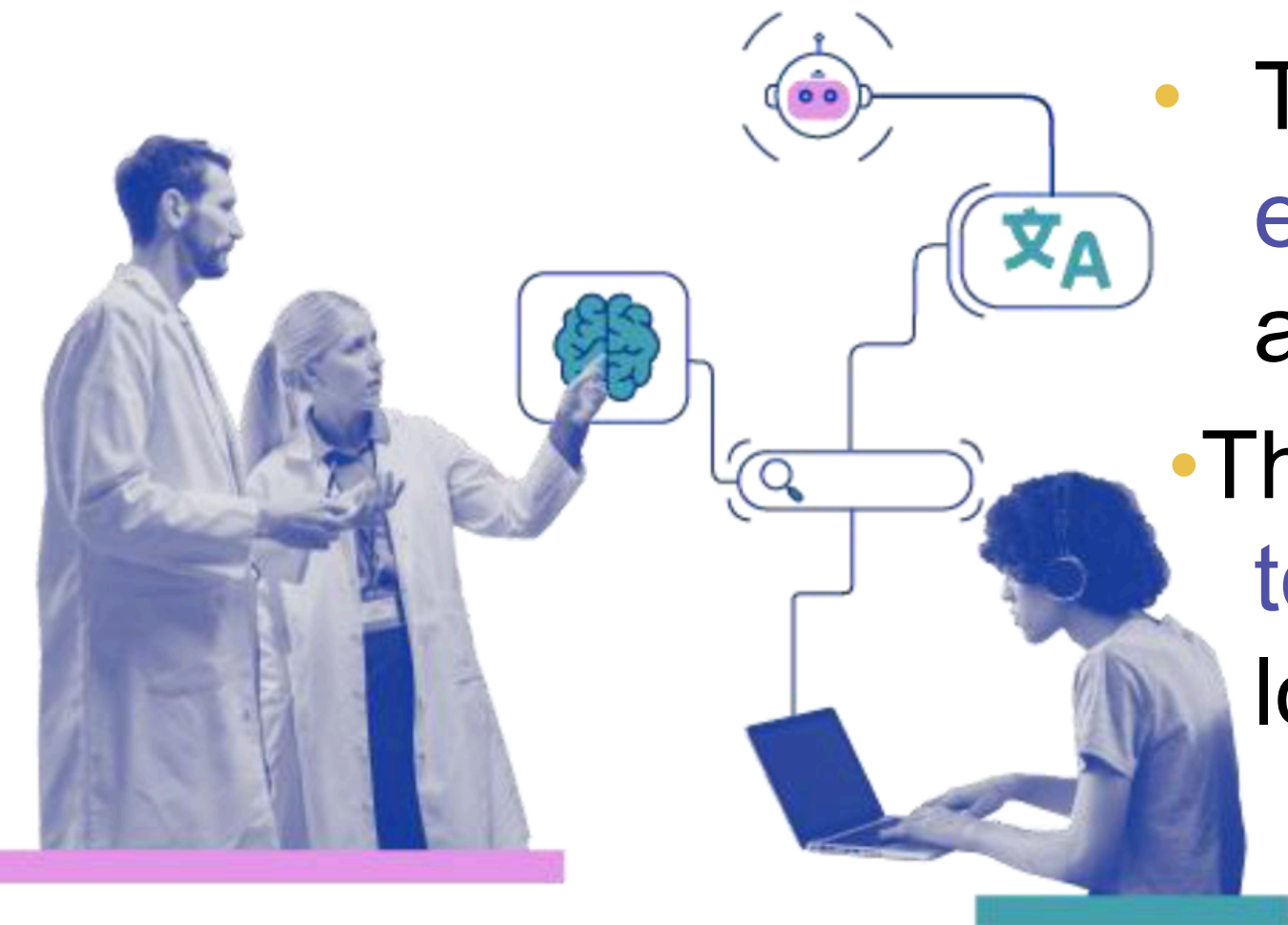


- The **Chips Act**, in force since 2023, was the EU's first response to critical vulnerabilities in the global semiconductor supply chain.
- The **Chips Act 2.0** will build on Europe's strengths, including in mainstream chips, and build capacity in cutting-edge semiconductor technologies that power AI applications
- The ChipsAct 2.0 will speed up permitting, deepen cooperation with like-minded partners and introduce a new excellence label for Europe's semiconductor regions.
- It will also support investment and strategic projects, while addressing vulnerabilities that could put supply at risk



BUILDING EUROPE'S CLOUD AND AI CAPACITY

- The **Cloud and AI Development Act** aims to triple datacentre capacity in Europe over the next five to seven years and strengthen the role of the Apply AI strategy to boost adoption
- The Act will support research and innovation in cutting-edge and sustainable technologies, while balancing AI ambitions with climate commitments
- The Act will also support a more coordinated approach to AI uptake across Member States, including through local hubs to support AI integration and scaling



STRENGTHENING DIGITAL AUTONOMY THROUGH OPENSOURCE



- The **Open Source Strategy** builds on the 3 million open source contributors based in Europe to develop more sovereign solutions
- The Strategy will **scale up open source alternatives in priority areas** such as cloud, AI, and internet technologies, cybersecurity and semiconductors
- The strategy will also **support greater use of open source in public administrations** through procurement guidelines and practical best practices



DIGITALISING EUROPE'S ENERGY SYSTEM



- The **Strategic Roadmap for Digitalisation and AI in the Energy Sector** sets out how AI and other digital solutions can ensure the sustainable integration of digital infrastructure in the European energy system, while at the same time making it more efficient
- The roadmap will ensure that data centres are integrated in European energy system in a sustainable and transparent manner
- The strategy will also help to build sovereign and secure AI models for the energy sector, trained on European data and developed by European companies

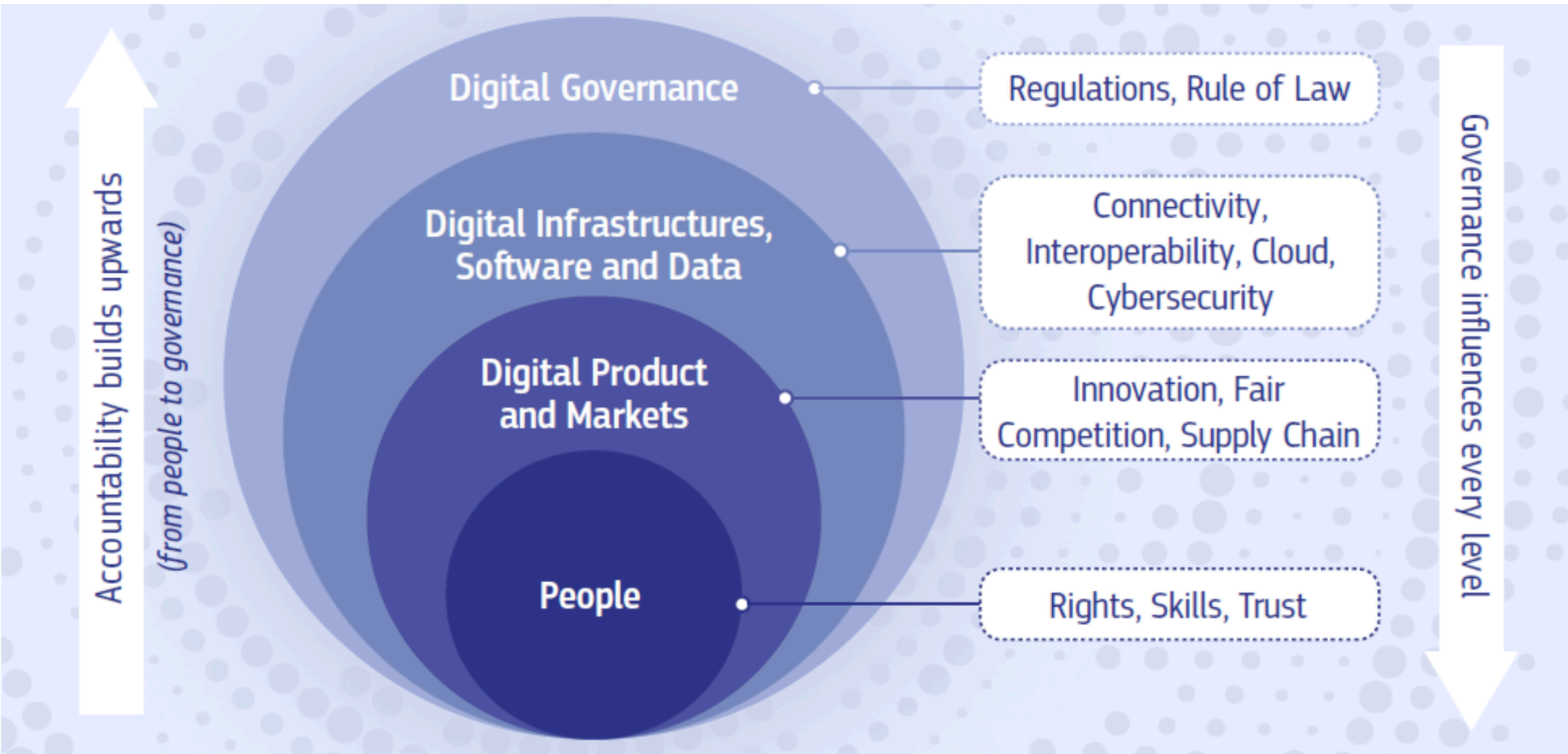


3. THE JRC RESEARCH AGENDA

Science for Policy



The Digital Sovereignty Framework: four layers shaping EU independence in the digital domain



JRC T4 Research Agenda 2026

Digital Sovereignty series
(7+ Policy Briefs)



Geopolitical dimension



Environmental implications



Technological implications



Economic implications



Legal implications



Social implications

JRC Digital
Sovereignty
Indicators
Framework

Study on the
Protection of
Sensitive EU
non-personal data

Digital Sovereignty
Canvas +
Self-assessment tool

Role plays &
Policy Lab
sessions

DS Seminars &
Forum (Nov)

Research
Partnerships &
Collaborations



Ongoing case studies collection and experimentation
[Knowledge for Policy Platform]

Thank you



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CONTEXT

VISIT [DATALOG.ES](https://datalog.es)

How to make fair algorithms for urban policies?

Digital Twins needs granular and dense data.

Who owns the data?

Who holds the data?

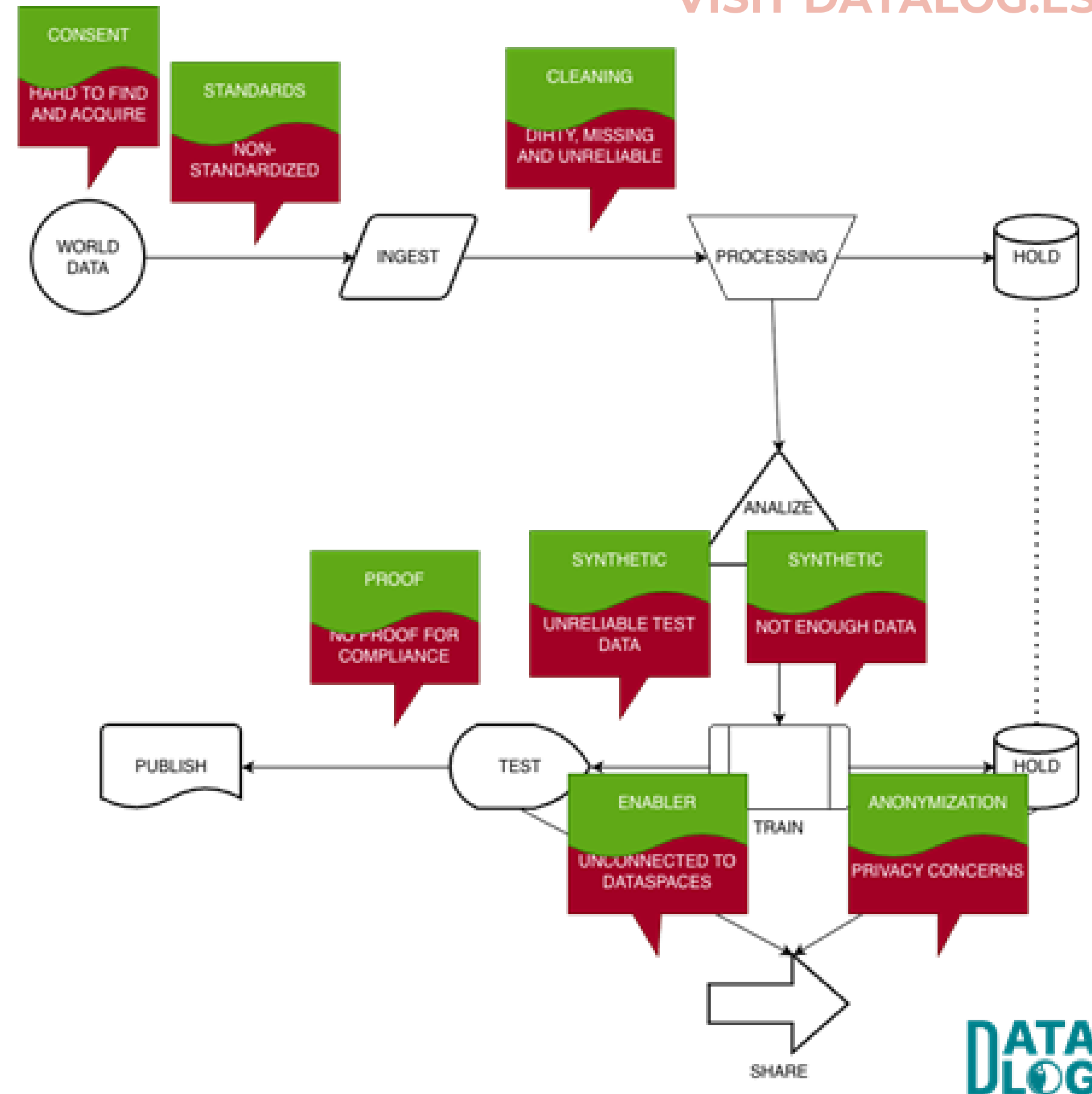
How can we get that data?



CONTEXT

Data difficult to acquire
Non-standardized data
Low data quality
Lack of training data
Lack of test data
Lack of traceability for compliance
No portability methods
Privacy/confidentiality concerns

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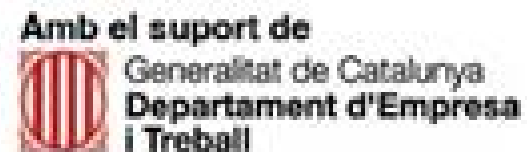


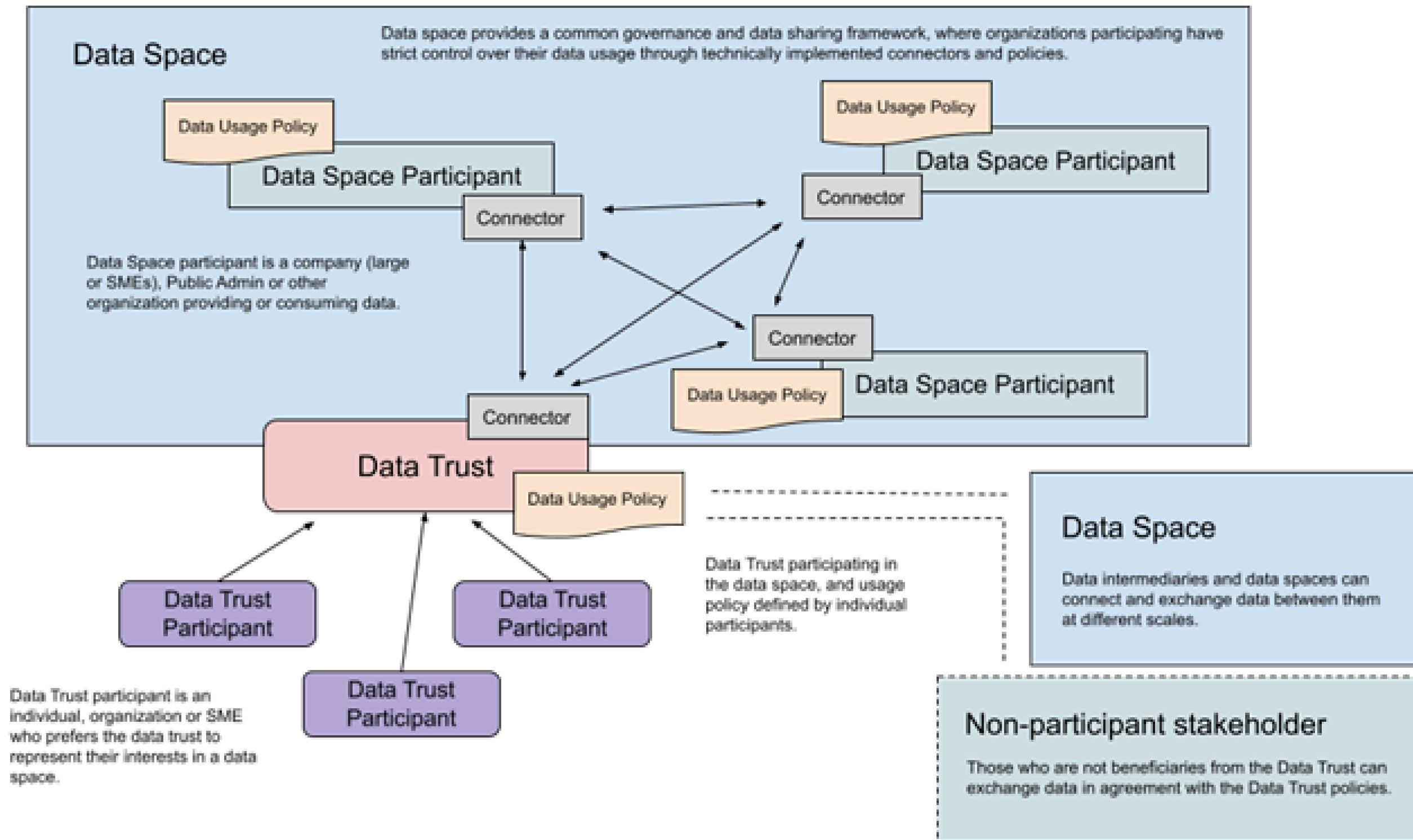


A legal entity enabling data altruism for the common good, encompassing legal, technological, procedural, and governance mechanisms.

Utility consumption data
water, electricity and gas

Geographical application
Barcelona Metropolitan Area





Wrap up & Future Opportunities



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Day 2: Final Event & Transnational workshop

Start:
09:30

Join us at “Les Ateliers des Tanneurs”

Rue des Tanneurs 60A, 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium



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Thank you!

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