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– country findings¹

Austria

Austria is categorized as low risk country case, due to its commitment to alternatives and no findings regarding cloud dependencies on US-hyperscalers.

As of Sept. 2025, Austria's Armed Forces had 16,000 workstations using Microsoft Office, but the government reportedly completed its transition away from Microsoft by the end of the year.² Even before the shift, “the Austrian Armed Forces did not use email or Microsoft's collaboration solutions, but rather self-hosted Linux servers with Samba.”³ This adds to a wider move away from proprietary cloud and toward free and open source software led by the ministry of Economy.⁴

Belgium

[Mil.be](#) mail accounts seem to run on Microsoft/Outlook in the cloud, as we found internal briefings showing how the Microsoft 365 authentication on private devices work. This briefing indicates also indicates further use of Microsoft 365 as a cloud service.⁵

While in “MOD's release of a cloud strategy in February 2023, [...] an "explicit intent to coordinate and accelerate the most ambitious plans for hyperscale cloud adoption across defence.”⁶ was set out, we could not find hard proof with which hyperscaler the cloud migration was done in the end.

¹ All linked sources were accessed between April 1st and April 13th, 2026.

² Vaughan, Steven. 2025. “This European military just ditched Microsoft for open-source LibreOffice - here's why.” *ZDNET*, September 26, 2025. <https://www.zdnet.com/article/this-european-military-just-ditched-microsoft-for-open-source-libreoffice-heres-why/>

³ Sokolov, Daniel AJ. “Österreichs Bundesheer stellt auf LibreOffice um” *Heise*, 17 September 2025, <https://www.heise.de/news/Oesterreichs-Bundesheer-stellt-auf-LibreOffice-um-10660756.html>.

⁴ Hall, Christine. “Austria Says 'Auf Wiedersehen' to Proprietary and 'Willkommen' to Open Source.” *FOSS Force*, 24 October 2025, <https://fossforce.com/2025/10/austria-says-auf-wiedersehen-to-proprietary-and-willkommen-to-open-source/>

⁵ *Multi-Factor Authenticatie configureren met Microsoft Authenticator op je privé computer*. (n.D.), Mil.be. https://portal.connect.mil.be/public/share/MFA_registration_from_private_device-NL.pdf
We also stored copies in [Dutch here](#) and [French here](#).

⁶ Butler, Georgia. “Belgian Army set to move to the cloud in 2026.” *Data CenterDynamics*, 16 April 2025, <https://www.datacenterdynamics.com/en/news/belgian-army-set-to-move-to-the-cloud-in-2026/>.

However, in October 2025, Microsoft had launched an AI training program for Belgian Defence personnel⁷, indicating further use of Microsoft cloud services in the defence forces.

In July 2025, defence minister Theo Francken confirmed the use of Microsoft 365 for unclassified communication in the Ministry of Defence.⁸

Bulgaria

No data found.

Croatia

Croatian Defence agency procured Microsoft software and services in 2025.⁹ In 2014, Croatia's Defence Minister visited Microsoft in Redmond, WA to lay the foundation of "further continuation of successful multi-annual cooperation"¹⁰ Between 2021 and 2023, Microsoft participated in several NATO defence training exercises with Croatia's Cyber Command.¹¹¹²

Cyprus

No data found.

Czech Republic

⁷ Belghmidi, Loutfi. "Microsoft Belux and Defence join forces for an AI training program." *Microsoft*, 09 October 2025, <https://news.microsoft.com/source/emea/2025/10/microsoft-belux-en-defensie-slaan-handen-in-elkaar-voor-een-ai-opleidingsprogramma/>

⁸ Commission de la Défense nationale. „Commissie voor Landsverdediging Commission de la Défense nationale van WOENSDAG 16 JULI 2025 Voormiddag du MERCREDI 16 JUILLET 2025 Matin“. La Chambre, 16. Juli 2025, Q. 09. www.lachambre.be/doc/CCRI/pdf/56/ic176x.pdf.

⁹ TED tenders entry for 75405-2025 - Competition: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/75405-2025>

¹⁰ "Kotromanović potpisao Memorandum o razumijevanju s tvrtkom Microsoft Hrvatska d.o.o." *MORH - Ministarstvo obrane Republike Hrvatske - službene stranice*, 17 05 2014, <https://www.morh.hr/kotromanovic-potpisao-memorandum-o-razumijevanju-s-tvrtkom-microsoft-hrvatska-d-o-o/>.

¹¹ "Provedena NATO međunarodna vježba "Cyber Coalition 21."" *MORH - Ministarstvo obrane Republike Hrvatske - službene stranice*, 03 12 2021, <https://www.morh.hr/provedena-nato-medunarodna-vjezba-cyber-coalition-21/>.

¹² "Deputy Prime Minister and Defence Minister Anušić attends the international exercise "Cyber Coalition 23"" *MORH - Ministarstvo obrane Republike Hrvatske - službene stranice*, 01 12 2023, <https://www.morh.hr/en/deputy-prime-minister-and-defence-minister-anusic-attends-the-international-exercise-cyber-coalition-23/>.

In December 2024, the Czech army signed an MOU with Microsoft for "advanced cloud technologies"¹³, in

We also found procurement data on the Czech public register of contracts.¹⁴

Denmark

HJV.DK (Danish Home Guard website) is hosted on Microsoft Azure.¹⁵ The Danish Ministry of Defence has used Microsoft services for nearly 20 years.¹⁶ As a reaction to the pandemic within "a few days, a supplement for unclassified communication was configured and deployed in the form of Microsoft Teams, which also quickly became a tool for maintaining the social dimension in the workplace."¹⁷

We also found several procurement evidence for Microsoft cloud based services.¹⁸ However it remains unclear, if the Sitaware Cloud and BattleCloud that seem to be used by the danish ministry for defence¹⁹ depend on Hyperscaler Technology.

Estonia

We found several TED entries, procuring Microsoft solutions run on the cloud and mentioning implementation of Azure, that indicate that the Estonian Defence agency uses Microsoft 365.²⁰

Finland

Finland uses Nordcloud (an IBM-Company) to distribute Google Cloud technology for defence agencies (<https://static.rusi.org/european-cloud-adoption-for-national-security.pdf>).

¹³ "Armáda ČR podepsala Memorandum o spolupráci se společností Microsoft | Armáda ČR." *Armáda ČR*, 9 December 2024, <https://acr.mo.gov.cz/informacni-servis/zpravodajstvi/armada-cr-podepsala-memorandum-o-spolupraci-se-spolecnosti-microsoft-255566/>.

¹⁴ Prováděcí smlouva č. 24111000676 „SW MS SQL 2024“ k Rámcové dohodě na pořizování produktů Microsoft. 2025. Registr smluv, https://smlouvy.gov.cz/smlouva/soubor/37989744/Prováděcí_smlouva_MO_2024_12_č_24111000676.pdf.

¹⁵ TED tenders entry for 740225-2024 - Result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/740225-2024>

¹⁶ Simonsen, Torben R. "Forsvaret køber 32.000 Microsoft-licenser." *Version2*, 22 08 2007, <https://www.version2.dk/artikel/forsvaret-koerber-32000-microsoft-licenser>.

¹⁷ *Årsberetning Forsvarsministeriets Materiel- og Indkøbsstyrelse 2020*. Forsvarsministeriets Materiel- og Indkøbsstyrelse, 2020, p. 05, <https://www.fmn.dk/globalassets/fmn/dokumenter/aarsrapporter/2021/-bilag3-forsvarsministeriets-materiel-og-indkoebsstyrelses-aarsberetning-2020-.pdf>.

¹⁸ EU tenders entry for 421914-2016 - Result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/421914-2016>

¹⁹ EU tenders entry for 85431-2017 - Result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/85431-2017>

²⁰ EU tenders entry for 16595-2018 - Result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/216595-2018>,
EU tenders entry for 344228-2018 - Result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/344228-2018>,
EU tenders entry for 67414-2021 - Result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/167414-2021>,
EU tenders entry for 19369-2026 - Result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/19369-2026>,
EU tenders entry for 29254-2026 - Result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/29254-2026>.

The Finnish military deployed SitaWare defence software on the Azure cloud.²¹ Finnish defence forces also have Microsoft contracts.²²

France

France seems also exposed to US technology. Besides broad use of Microsoft Software, which apparently includes the MoD but is partly set to be phased out,²³ the country's defence ministry uses Nexium,²⁴ a defence cloud solution originally developed through a partnership^{25 26} between French defence contractor Thales and US tech company Microsoft.²⁷

Germany

The German Bundeswehr signed a cooperation with Google Cloud in 2025.²⁸ According to open contracting databases, Germany's Bundeswehr is contracting its internal IT services provider BWI GmbH to a total value of 1.6 billion euros, which includes cloud services from Google. Germany's Bundeswehr is running a multi-cloud strategy, building on Stacks from US-based VMWare, Google's airgapped

²¹ "SitaWare features at Finnish Defence Forces Joint exercise." *systematic.com*, Systematic, 11 12 2020, <https://systematic.com/us/industries/defence/news-knowledge/news/sitaware-features-at-finnish-defence-forces-joint-exercise/>.

²² EU tenders entry for Overall Procurement, 58824-2023: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/158824-2023>,

EU tenders entry for Microsoft Premier Support, 152941-2017: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/152941-2017>

EU tenders entry for Microsoft Support Services, 206447-2023: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/>

²³ Förster, Moritz. "France replaces MS Teams and Zoom with its own video conferencing software." *Heise.de*, 27 01 2026, <https://www.heise.de/en/news/France-replaces-MS-Teams-and-Zoom-with-its-own-video-conferencing-software-11155347.html>.

²⁴ Thales. *Document d'enregistrement universel 2023 - Thales*. p. 29, echanges.dila.gouv.fr/OPENDATA/AMF/125/8888/01/FC125526229_20240404.pdf

²⁵ "Thales WINS Microsoft Defence and Intelligence Partner of the Year for Nexium Defence Cloud." *thalesgroup.com*, Thales, 09 07 2021, <https://www.thalesgroup.com/en/news-centre/press-releases/thales-wins-microsoft-defence-and-intelligence-partner-year-nexium>.

²⁶ AVIS FAIT AU NOM DE LA COMMISSION DE LA DÉFENSE NATIONALE ET DES FORCES ARMÉES SUR LE PROJET DE LOI de finances pour 2024 (n° 1680). 26 10 2023, <https://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/dyn/opendata/AVISANR5L16B1808-tIV.html>.

²⁷ "Thales and Microsoft partner to develop a unique Defence Cloud solution." *Company News Microsoft*, 12 06 2018, <https://news.microsoft.com/source/emea/2018/06/thales-and-microsoft-partner-to-develop-a-unique-defence-cloud-solution/%20https://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/dyn/opendata/AVISANR5L16B1808-tIV.html>.

²⁸ "Partnerschaft von BWI und Google: Die Bundeswehr bekommt eine eigene Cloud." *Bundeswehr.de*, Bundeswehr, 05 06 2025, <https://www.bundeswehr.de/de/meldungen/partnerschaft-bwi-google-bundeswehr-eigene-cloud-5952950>.

cloud solution and open-source solutions²⁹, developed in close collaboration with the NeoNephos Foundation.³⁰

A 2024 digitalisation report shows the Ministry of Defence relies on Microsoft Sharepoint and Exchange, without providing details about how they are hosted.³¹

Greece

The Ministry of Defence is a customer of Cosmos³², who provides its cloud solutions on Azure and is certified Microsoft Solution Partner.³³

Hungary

Hungarian Army appears to use Microsoft, while it is unclear how the Services are hosted.³⁴

We also found a job posting that suggests further use of Microsoft Exchange and other cloud solutions.³⁵

²⁹ “Cloud Strategie: Bundeswehr und BWI setzen Fokus auf Open Source.” *bwi.de*, BWI, 18 03 2026, <https://www.bwi.de/magazin/artikel/cloud-strategie-bundeswehr-und-bwi-setzen-fokus-auf-open-source>.

³⁰ “NeoNephos Foundation Welcomes BWI GmbH, SUSE LLC, and Fraunhofer ISST as Members.” *linuxfoundation.org*, The Linux Foundation, 18 03 2026, <https://www.linuxfoundation.org/press/neonephos-foundation-welcomes-bwi-gmbh-suse-llc-and-fraunhofer-isst-as-members>.

³¹ „Sechster Bericht zur Digitalen Transformation des Geschäftsbereichs des Bundesministeriums der Verteidigung“. *Sechster Digitalbericht*, Bundesministerium der Verteidigung, 2024.

³² *Heldic - 2025-2026 Hellenic Defence Industry Catalogue*. 2025. *gdaee.mil.gr*, General Directorate for defence investments & armaments, p. 68/69, <https://www.gdaee.mil.gr/wp-content/uploads/HELDIC.pdf>.

³³ „CBS is a Microsoft Solution Partner, with 5 Designations“. *CBS*, 24. April 2025, www.cbs.gr/en/cbs-microsoftsolution-partner-with-5-designations.

³⁴ Honvédelmi Minisztérium. *A Honvédelmi Minisztérium 2012. évi költségvetésjavaslata*. 2012, www.parlament.hu/irom39/04365/adatok/fejzetek/13.pdf.

³⁵ “AZ M H NAGYSÁNDOR JÓZSEF 51. HÍRADÓ-ÉS VEZETÉSBIZTOSÍTÓ DANDÁR DANDÁRPARANCSNOKÁNAK PÁLYÁZATI FELHÍVÁSA.” *kormany.hu*, Magyar Honvédség, 2025, <https://kormany.hu/application/documents/268573fd-b0dd-403d-91d0-76d85a3ce5e5/download>.

Ireland

Ireland rolled out Microsoft SharePoint Solution through a European Contractor.³⁶ Ireland's Defence Agency also has a contract with Oracle³⁷ and is using its Technology.³⁸

Italy

Defence IT recently migrated to the Polo Strategico Nazionale cloud.³⁹ Polo Strategico Nazionale is advertised as a sovereign solution, but it runs on Google Assured Workload and Oracle alloy.⁴⁰

Latvia

Defence agency has Microsoft licenses⁴¹ and participates in Microsoft public sector security program.⁴²

³⁶ Kennedy, John. „Irish Defence Forces in one of Europe's largest SharePoint deployments - Enterprise | siliconrepublic.com - Ireland's Technology News Service“. *Silicon Republic*, 1. Mai 2015, www.siliconrepublic.com/enterprise/irish-defence-forces-in-one-of-europes-largest-sharepoint-deployments.

³⁷ *Select Committee on Defence and National Security debate*. www.oireachtas.ie/en/debates/debate/select_committee_on_defence_and_national_security/2026-01-22/4.

³⁸ EU tenders entry for Oracle Support, 283692-2025 - Result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/283692-2025>

³⁹ *Il Ministero della Difesa sceglie il Cloud di Polo Strategico Nazionale*. 5. Juni 2024, www.difesa.it/primopiano/il-ministero-della-difesa-sceglie-il-cloud-di-polo-strategico-nazionale/53268.html.

⁴⁰ „Public Cloud PSN managed“. *Polo Strategico Nazionale*, 5. Dezember 2023, www.polostrategiconazionale.it/en/solutions/cloud-services-with-csp/psn-managed-public-cloud.

⁴¹ *Iepirkumu uzraudzības birojs*. info.iub.gov.lv/?withInflections=true&searchPhrase=true&organizationName=Valsts+aizsardz%C4%ABbas+milit%C4%81ro+objektu+un+iepirkumu+centrs&query=microsoft&page=1.

⁴² „Latvija paraksta vienošanos par dalību “Microsoft” Publiskā sektora drošības programmā“. *Aizsardzības Ministrija*, www.mod.gov.lv/en/node/6324.

Lithuania

Defence agency procured Sharepoint⁴³ and participates in Microsoft public sector security program⁴⁴

Luxembourg

The government of Luxembourg signed a cooperation with Clarence stating it is supposed to be used in the defence sector as well.⁴⁵ Clarence is built on Google Cloud Technology and advertised by Google as air gapped solution.⁴⁶

Malta

No data found.

Netherlands

KPN and Thales announced a sovereign cloud project and seemed to be supported by state secretary Gijs Tuinman.⁴⁷ In April 2026 the Ministry of Defence informed the Parliament, that they will build a sovereign cloud with those two companies.⁴⁸ We found evidence in an answer to a parliamentary request, that current systems run on the "basis of Google and AWS tech"⁴⁹

Poland

⁴³ EU tenders entry for Microsoft SharePoint 370265-2023 - Result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/370265-2023>

EU tenders entry for Microsoft SharePoints 370265-2023 - Result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/156324-2023>

⁴⁴ „Lietuva pasirašė Vyriausybės saugumo programos sutartį su „Microsoft Corporation““. *kam.lt*, 8. Mai 2018, kam.lt/lietuva-pasirase-vyriausybes-saugumo-programos-sutarti-su-microsoft-corporation.

⁴⁵ „The Luxembourg government and Clarence sign a partnership on a sovereign disconnected cloud“. *The Luxembourg Government*, gouvernement.lu/en/actualites/agenda.gouvernement2024%2Ben%2Bactualites%2Btoutes_actualites%2Bcommuniqués%2B2025%2B01-janvier%2B23-obertin-clarence-cloud.html.

⁴⁶ „Google Cloud Blog“. *Google Cloud Blog*, cloud.google.com/blog/topics/hybrid-cloud/new-managed-gdc-provider-initiative.

⁴⁷ Ministerie van Defensie. „Data krijgsmacht straks veilig in soevereine cloud“. *Ministerie Van Defensie*, 10. Desember 2025, www.defensie.nl/actueel/nieuws/2025/06/18/data-krijgsmacht-straks-veilig-in-soevereine-cloud.

⁴⁸ Ministry of Defence, „Defensie bouwt cloud voor staatsgeheime gegevens“. *Ministerie Van Defensie*, 9. April 2026, www.defensie.nl/actueel/nieuws/2026/04/09/defensie-bouwt-cloud-voor-staatsgeheime-gegevens.

⁴⁹ „Beantwoording vragen werkbezoek StasDef aan Microsoft en Amazon.“, D2025-001537, <https://open.overheid.nl/documenten/fe2f51a2-1e0b-411e-bf11-fafd9fca45ae/file>.

The Polish Defence Forces have cooperation agreements with Microsoft⁵⁰ and Oracle⁵¹. While the later one is mainly focused on cybersecurity for cloud, we also found procurement, indicating Oracle technology is used for the cloud.⁵²

Portugal

Defence agency has Microsoft software licences⁵³ that typically include cloud products as Azure und Microsoft 365.⁵⁴

⁵⁰ „Nowe technologie, prace badawczo – rozwojowe, cyberbezpieczeństwo – Wojsko Polskie rozwija współpracę z Microsoft – Ministerstwo Obrony Narodowej – Portal Gov.pl”. *Ministerstwo Obrony Narodowej*, www.gov.pl/web/obrona-narodowa/nowe-technologie-prace-badawczo--rozwojowe-cyberbezpieczenstwo--wojsko-polskie-rozwija-wspolprace-z-microsoft.

⁵¹ „Współpraca DKWOC z Oracle w obszarze cyberbezpieczeństwa – Ministerstwo Obrony Narodowej – Portal Gov.pl”. *Ministerstwo Obrony Narodowej*, www.gov.pl/web/obrona-narodowa/wspolpraca-dkwoc-z-oracle-w-obszarze-cyberbezpieczenstwa.

⁵² EU tenders entry for Oracle Solaris, 461030-2021- result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/461030-2021>

EU tenders entry for Oracle Database 12g, 635932-2021 - result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/635932-2021>

EU tenders entry for Oracle Database, 466322-2020 - result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/466322-2020>

⁵³ Ordinance No. 761/2024/2: <https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/761-2024-893675947>

⁵⁴ *Software Assurance nach Vergünstigung / Microsoft-Volumenlizenzierung*, www.microsoft.com/de-de/licensing/licensing-programs/software-assurance-by-benefits.

Romania

The Defence ministry has a broad cooperation agreement with Microsoft Romania including cloud technologies.⁵⁵ The Ministry of Defence procured Microsoft database management system⁵⁶ and Sharepoint⁵⁷

Slovakia

Vladny cloud, the government system appears to rely on strong data localisation rules,⁵⁸ however it is not a typical air gapped solution. While we found indicators that parts of Vladny Cloud are run on Azure,⁵⁹ and Microsoft, Oracle and Amazon are designated providers according to a list of providers on the official “catalogue of services of the government cloud”,⁶⁰ it is unclear how the “private cloud” part is run. Also, we did not find any procurement or other proof that those parts relying on Azure or other US hyperscaler Technology are used by the Ministry of Defence or the Army. Therefore, they are not listed in Appendix 1.

However, we found procurement through the *Microsoft central dynamic purchasing system* of the Slovakian government for the Ministry of Defence procuring several Microsoft licences and services with a value of 12 million Euros.⁶¹

⁵⁵ „Memorandum de intelegere intre MApN si Microsoft Romania“. *Ministerul Apararii Nationale*, www.mapn.ro/cpresa/17857_memorandum-de-in%C8%9Belegere-intre-mapn-%C8%99i-microsoft-romania.

⁵⁶ EU tenders entry for Microsoft SQL, 14036-2026 - result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/14036-2026>

⁵⁷ EU tenders entry for Microsoft SharePoint, 3946-2026 - result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/3946-2026>

⁵⁸ *FAQ - Government Cloud*. sk.cloud/en/resources/faq.

⁵⁹ Slovak-Egov. „GitHub - slovak-egov/vladny-cloud“. *GitHub*, github.com/slovak-egov/vladny-cloud.

⁶⁰ *Zoznam poskytovatel'ov*.

katalog.statneit.sk/poskytovatelia_zoznam.php?locale=sk&tb_ziadatelPageSize=50&tb_ziadatelPage=1.

⁶¹ „Centrálny DNS Microsoft | Ministerstvo investícií, regionálneho rozvoja a informatizácie SR“. *Ministerstvo Investícií, Regionálneho Rozvoja A Informatizácie SR*, 8. Januar 2026, mirri.gov.sk/sekcie/informatizacia/dokumenty/licencie/licencie-2/centralny-dns-microsoft.

Slovenia

Defence tech runs on SitaWare Battle Cloud,⁶² which originally runs on Microsoft Azure cloud infrastructure⁶³ The defence ministry also has Microsoft support contracts.⁶⁴

Spain

The Spanish communications company Telefónica holds the contract for the country's defence cloud⁶⁵, Infraestructura Integral de Información para la Defensa (I3D).⁶⁶

In 2022, Telefónica and Oracle formed a partnership to provide cloud services to European customers⁶⁷ and the Spanish defence ministry has Oracle licences associated with the I3D contract⁶⁸

⁶² „Slovenian Armed Forces Boost Agility with Systematic’s C2 Solution“. *Systematic*, systematic.com/us/industries/defence/news-knowledge/cases/slovenia-invests-in-the-future.

⁶³ Felsted, Peter. „Systematic unveils BattleCloud addition to its SitaWare suite of C4ISR solutions“; in *European Security & Defence*, 29. April 2025, euro-sd.com/2025/04/major-news/43882/systematic-unveils-battlecloud.

⁶⁴ EU tenders entry for Microsoft Premiere Service, 561432-2018 - result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/561432-2018>

EU tenders entry for Microsoft Premier Service, 672535-2021 - result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/672535-2021>

⁶⁵ Expansión. „El Gobierno adjudica a Telefónica por 80,3 millones el despliegue de la red de telecomunicaciones de defensa I3D“. *EXPANSION*, 13. April 2024, www.expansion.com/empresas/tecnologia/2024/04/13/661a538ee5fdea410d8b45a2.html.

⁶⁶ Minisdef. El CESTIC impulsa la transformación digital del Ministerio de Defensa con el rehosting de servicios - CESTIC. www.defensa.gob.es/cectic/noticias/2025/listado/noticia27.html.

⁶⁷ Ehrlich, Chris. “Telefónica Partnering With Oracle on Cloud Services.” *Datamation*, 17 03 2022, <https://www.datamation.com/cloud/telefonica-partnering-oracle-cloud-services/>.

⁶⁸ EU tenders entry for 255686-2019 - result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/255686-2019>
EU tenders entry for 578679-2025 - result: <https://ted.europa.eu/en/notice/-/detail/578679-2025>

Sweden

In 2017 a major data breach became public, when military personal data was handled by unauthorized personnel in an IBM sever center, indicating use by the swedish military. Since then a new “The Armed Forces' regulations on security protection” (FFS 2019:2) was adapted, demanding at least strong data localisation rules and other security related constraints.⁶⁹

In 2020 a joint report of several government and security agencies, with the Armed Forces among them, published a cybersecurity report⁷⁰ highlighting the risks of dependencies in the digital space.

In 2021 a working group of eSam recommended Nextcloud as one of two possible, easy alternatives to Microsoft 365.⁷¹

In 2024 the Ministry of Defence issued a tender call for sovereign cloud solutions in which it states:

“FMV is currently evaluating different approaches to establish sovereign private cloud solutions. FMV is seeking responses from vendors who can provide sovereign private cloud solutions, disconnected from the internet. These solutions should incorporate Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), Platform as a Service (PaaS) and Software as a Service (SaaS) capabilities to be able to address a wide range of technological needs across organizations.”⁷²

While there seem to be clear sensibility for dependencies and willingness to move, it is unclear how advanced the Ministry of Defence is in its efforts. An indicator could be an upcoming report, on “critical material and component dependencies in defence materiel supply chains”⁷³

⁶⁹ Omegapoint. „Geopolitik och it-strategi i Sverige: Vägval för digital säkerhet“. *Omegapoint*, 26. März 2026, www.omegapoint.se/en/articles/geopolitics-and-it-strategy-in-sweden-choices-for-digital-security

⁷⁰ *Cybersäkerhet i Sverige - Hot, metoder, brister och beroenden*. 2020, p. 22, www.msb.se/contentassets/fe72c449466e4017bd76787762ab9dc5/rapport-cybersakerhet-i-sverige-2020--hot-metoder-brister-och-beroenden.pdf.

⁷¹ eSam. *Digital Collaboration Platform for the Public Sector*. November 2021, www.esamverka.se/download/18.4a6f5f6917d9204856518c5e/1639137082930/Digital%20collaboration%20platform%20for%20the%20public%20sector.pdf.

⁷² Ministry of Defence, *Market Survey regarding Sovereign Private Cloud Solutions*, 2024, www.mercell.com/en/tender/239916903/market-survey-regarding-sovereign-private-cloud-solutions-tender.aspx

⁷³ Ministry of Defence. „Enhanced protection of critical and emerging technologies“. *government.se*, 18. Dezember 2025, www.government.se/press-releases/2025/12/enhanced-protection-of-groundbreaking-technologies.

UK

In 2025, the UK's Ministry of Defence signed a £400M Google Cloud contract⁷⁴ to deliver "sovereign cloud capability".⁷⁵ The ministry also signed large, recent cloud contracts with Oracle⁷⁶, AWS⁷⁷, and Microsoft.⁷⁸

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