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## Sovereignty or Surrender: Europe has a choice

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The transformation into the information age is seeing social, industrial and economical changes of gigantic magnitude. The hard reality that quickly manifests itself is that only China and the USA are able to keep up with the transformational pace of the information age, leading to a bi-polar world dominated by the USA and China.

Given that China has just announced (6th Dec 2019) to remove all foreign hardware and software components from its governmental and public computing infrastructure and services, the question is open if a digital cold war is arriving at an ever accelerating pace.

Europe has to make hard choices in all areas if it wants to maintain its sovereignty to be able to orient, decide and act in the information age. The presentation will elaborate developments that led to the current situation and explore options and consequences that could be taken.

A special focus will be taken towards how a CS3 Stack as precursor could lead to a “European Standard Stack” that could technologically lead to a next generation technology leap akin and in the tradition of the www.

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