



5 Questions Leaders Should Ask When Evaluating Sovereign Clouds

As regulatory scrutiny intensifies across the EU, cloud decisions must address sovereignty, control, and operational resilience. Before selecting a provider, there are questions regulated entities can ask to help ensure compliance, security, and long-term strategic alignment.

1. What legal jurisdiction and governance model does the provider operate under?

Require EU legal entities and EU-based governance, with clear decision rights and escalation for external requests. Oracle EU Sovereign Cloud has operated since 2023 via seven EU entities, overseen by a dedicated committee to curb extraterritorial access risk.

2. Who has operational and administrative access, including support functions?

Verify EU-only operational control, with no reliance on global “follow-the-sun” teams. Oracle EU Sovereign Cloud restricts access to EU-resident staff so all operations remain fully within EU jurisdiction.

3. How are EU data residency and cross-border data movement enforced and proven?

Ask whether controls are built in or policy overlays. Oracle uses a separate cloud “realm” with physical, logical, and cryptographic isolation. This helps customers keep their data, metadata, and keys in the EU, with full control over location and movement.

4. Does the architecture promote sovereign resilience and independence?

Resilience must also recognize EU control. Oracle provides independent sovereign regions with built-in high availability, three fault domains, localized disaster recovery, and EU-only backbone connectivity—avoiding cross-border dependencies and partnerships.

5. Do we get full capabilities without a sovereignty premium or lock-in?

Sovereignty shouldn’t mean higher costs or fewer services. Oracle EU Sovereign Cloud delivers more than 200 OCI services across IaaS, PaaS, and SaaS at standard pricing, supporting open standards and open source to boost portability and cut lock-in risk.

Explore Oracle EU Sovereign Cloud

Learn how Oracle EU Sovereign Cloud enables regulated entities to meet sovereignty, compliance, and resilience requirements—without trade-offs.

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Oracle EU Sovereign Cloud gives organizations a public cloud option designed to support sovereignty requirements—without forcing trade-offs in performance, economics, or breadth of capability.