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**Summit on European Digital Sovereignty
(Berlin, 18 November 2025)**

Europe's growing exposure to geopolitical challenges and its dependence on a limited number of international providers in strategic digital domains underline that digital sovereignty has become a defining element of Europe's long-term competitiveness and security. Strengthening Europe's capacity to act independently in the digital sphere is essential for safeguarding our economic resilience, our innovative strength, and the integrity of our democratic institutions and values.

Germany and France therefore initiated the Summit on European Digital Sovereignty, designed from the outset as a European event with participation from all EU Member States. Nearly all Member States followed this invitation and attended with high-level delegations, often at ministerial level—a strong and encouraging signal of shared commitment to advancing Europe's digital sovereignty. The Summit gathered more than 900 participants from government, industry, research, civil society, and EU institutions.

Discussions focused on the central aspects of digital sovereignty: reducing strategic dependencies, strengthening the resilience of European digital infrastructures, and fostering innovation across Europe. The Summit showcased concrete measures to support these goals, including commitments on simplifying regulatory frameworks, improving the competitiveness of digital markets, safeguarding sensitive data, promoting secure cloud and cybersecurity standards, advancing European capabilities in frontier AI, and pursuing the work with the creation of a joint task-force on European Digital Sovereignty.

The Summit served as a starting point for coordinated EU-wide action. Germany and France express their gratitude to all Member States for their constructive engagement and contributions, which were essential to the success of the event. Together with the European Commission and the Member States, follow-up work will continue to develop joint measures aimed at strengthening Europe's ability to act independently in the digital sphere.
