



Digital Sovereignty Through Openness

AmChams in Europe (ACE), representing 49 American Chambers of Commerce across 47 European countries, supports Europe's ambition to strengthen its technological capabilities, resilience, and competitiveness.

We believe that digital sovereignty should not be defined by isolation or protectionism. Rather, it should be understood as Europe's ability to govern, innovate, and compete in accordance with its own laws, values, and strategic priorities, while remaining connected to trusted global partners.

The transatlantic economy is the world's most integrated economic relationship, generating nearly \$10 trillion in annual economic activity and supporting millions of jobs. Open markets, investment, innovation, and shared standards have long been key drivers of Europe's economic success and technological advancement.

As Europe seeks to reduce vulnerabilities and strengthen resilience, policies should focus on outcomes rather than origin. Security, reliability, transparency, and resilience are the criteria that matter. Technologies should be assessed through objective, risk-based standards rather than nationality-based considerations.

Today's digital economy depends on global supply chains, international research networks, and cross-border innovation. Measures that fragment markets or restrict access to trusted technologies risk increasing costs, slowing innovation, and weakening Europe's long-term competitiveness.

ACE supports an approach that promotes open and **competitive markets** to encourage investment, innovation, and access to world-class technologies; advances **risk-based security frameworks** focused on resilience, trust, and objective security requirements rather than country-of-origin criteria; fosters **regulatory interoperability** through compatible standards that enable innovation and cross-border cooperation; and **strengthens talent and innovation partnerships** by supporting the mobility of skilled professionals and international collaboration in research and technology development.

Europe's strength will come from balancing resilience with openness, strategic autonomy with international cooperation, and regulation with innovation.

A confident and competitive Europe can strengthen its technological leadership while remaining an attractive destination for investment, talent, and innovation. Strategic autonomy and trusted transatlantic partnerships are not competing goals - they are mutually reinforcing foundations of long-term prosperity and security.

Europe's digital future will be strongest when built on openness, trust, competitiveness, and collaboration.