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Make informed sovereignty decisions with Microsoft Sovereign Cloud

Helping organizations define and operationalize sovereignty decisions—balancing control, resilience, and innovation

Sovereignty is no longer just a compliance requirement—it is a critical business capability to manage risk, resilience, and enable innovation across a complex global environment.

Regulatory complexity is increasing

GDPR, DORA, NIS2, and national frameworks are prescribing where data must live

Geopolitical risk is now a board-level concern

Your board is asking about foreign government access, including lawful access regimes such as the U.S. CLOUD Act — and what happens to your operations if a provider is compelled or disrupted.

AI is expanding the scope of sovereignty risk

Every AI deployment raises questions about where training data is governed, where inference runs, and under whose jurisdiction your models operate.

The cost of getting sovereignty wrong is rising

Regulatory penalties, reputational damage, loss of market access — and the operational cost of unwinding architectures built without control in mind.

Most organizations don't have a structured way to **define, evaluate, or operationalize sovereignty**.

Without a structured approach, sovereignty decisions increase risk, limit resilience, and drive costly redesigns.

THE GAP THAT'S BEING EXPOSED



Decisions made by default

Cloud migrations and infrastructure choices embed sovereignty assumptions [jurisdiction, access, control] before the risk has been assessed.



Dependencies that are hard to map

Distributed architectures spread control across providers and support models. Without intentional design, sovereignty becomes opaque.



AI amplifies the exposure

AI introduces sovereignty questions at every layer: data governance, model hosting, inference jurisdiction, and supply chain dependencies.

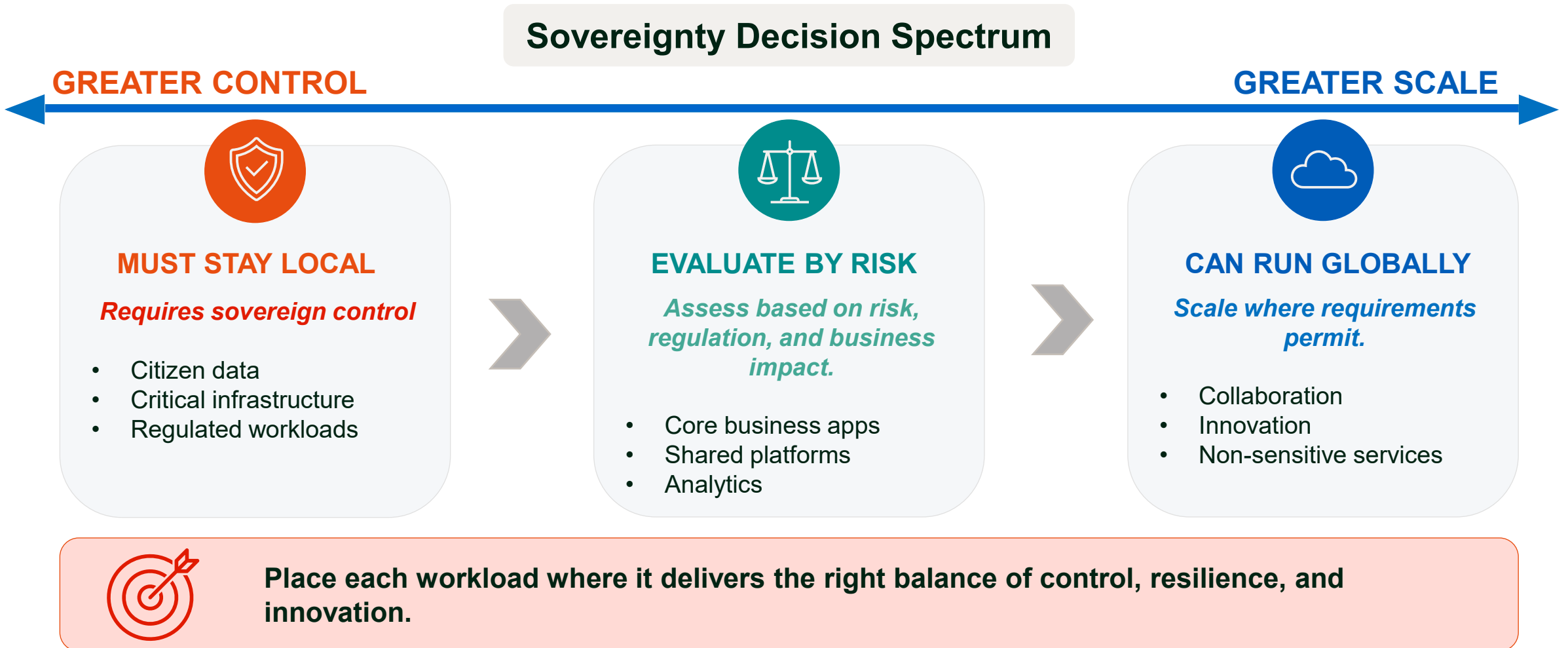


No structured framework to decide

Most organizations lack a consistent way to evaluate sovereignty trade-offs — resilience vs. control vs. cost vs. innovation.

Sovereignty is not about isolation, it's about making deliberate decisions

Control what matters. Scale what doesn't.



Every cloud migration, AI deployment, and infrastructure choice carries an assumption about jurisdiction, access, and control. **The key is whether you're making those decisions intentionally.**

Effective sovereignty requires managing three interconnected domains across your estate and at the workload level.

The Three Domains of Sovereignty



Data Sovereignty

Where data is stored, processed, accessed, and governed.

Delivered through technical, organizational, and legal controls.



Operational Sovereignty

Who operates critical systems, from where, and under what controls.

Supported by in-region teams, policy as code, and audit trails.



Technology Sovereignty

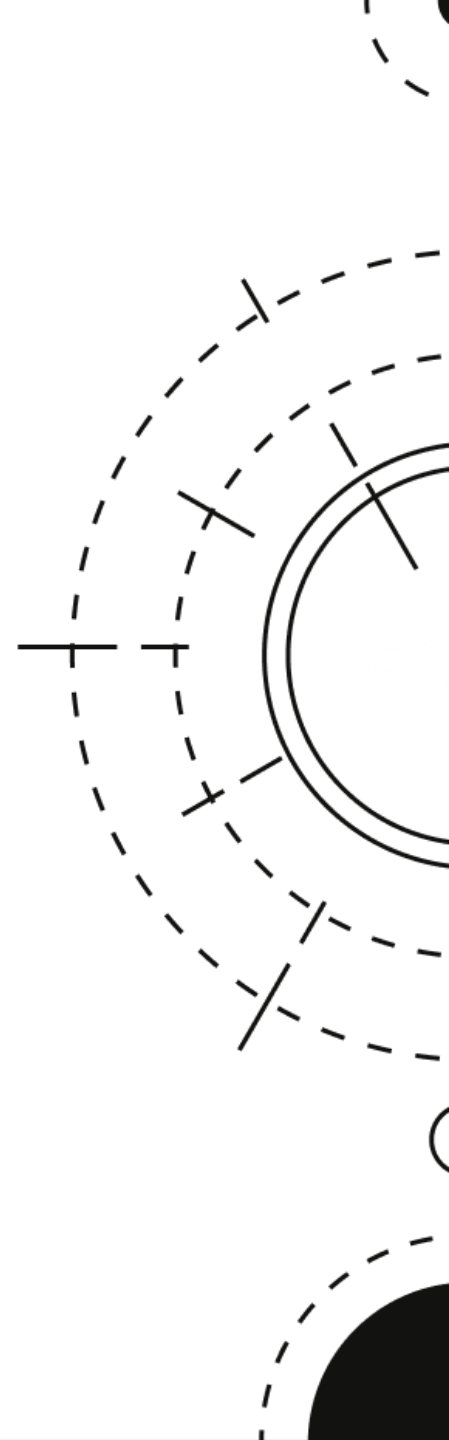
The ability to manage and reduce dependency on external platforms and vendors.

No provider can eliminate dependency entirely-we help customers manage it.



These sovereignty decisions require a consistent cloud platform that supports control, resilience, and innovation across environments.

Azure Sovereign Cloud provides that foundation.



Kyndryl Sovereignty Services with Azure Sovereign Cloud

Together, Kyndryl and Microsoft help organizations translate sovereignty requirements into practical, scalable architectures and operating models.

Kyndryl enables

- **Assessment-led design** to align sovereignty objectives to customer risk and regulatory needs
- **Integration and orchestration** across public, private, and hybrid environments
- **Operational transparency, governance, and auditability** aligned to customer-defined controls
- **Optional implementation and managed operations** to sustain the sovereignty posture over time

Microsoft provides

- **Sovereign-capable cloud foundations** across public, private, and partner cloud models
- **Built-in controls** to support data residency, security, and compliance requirements
- **A global cloud platform** designed to balance sovereignty, innovation, and scale

Microsoft has been named a Leader in the Forrester Wave™: Sovereign Cloud Platforms (Q2 2026) for its ability to deliver consistency across sovereign environments

Kyndryl Sovereignty Services Readiness Assessment for Microsoft Azure

Methodology

Kyndryl's comprehensive approach gives your organization a clear, prioritized picture of where you stand and what to do about it.

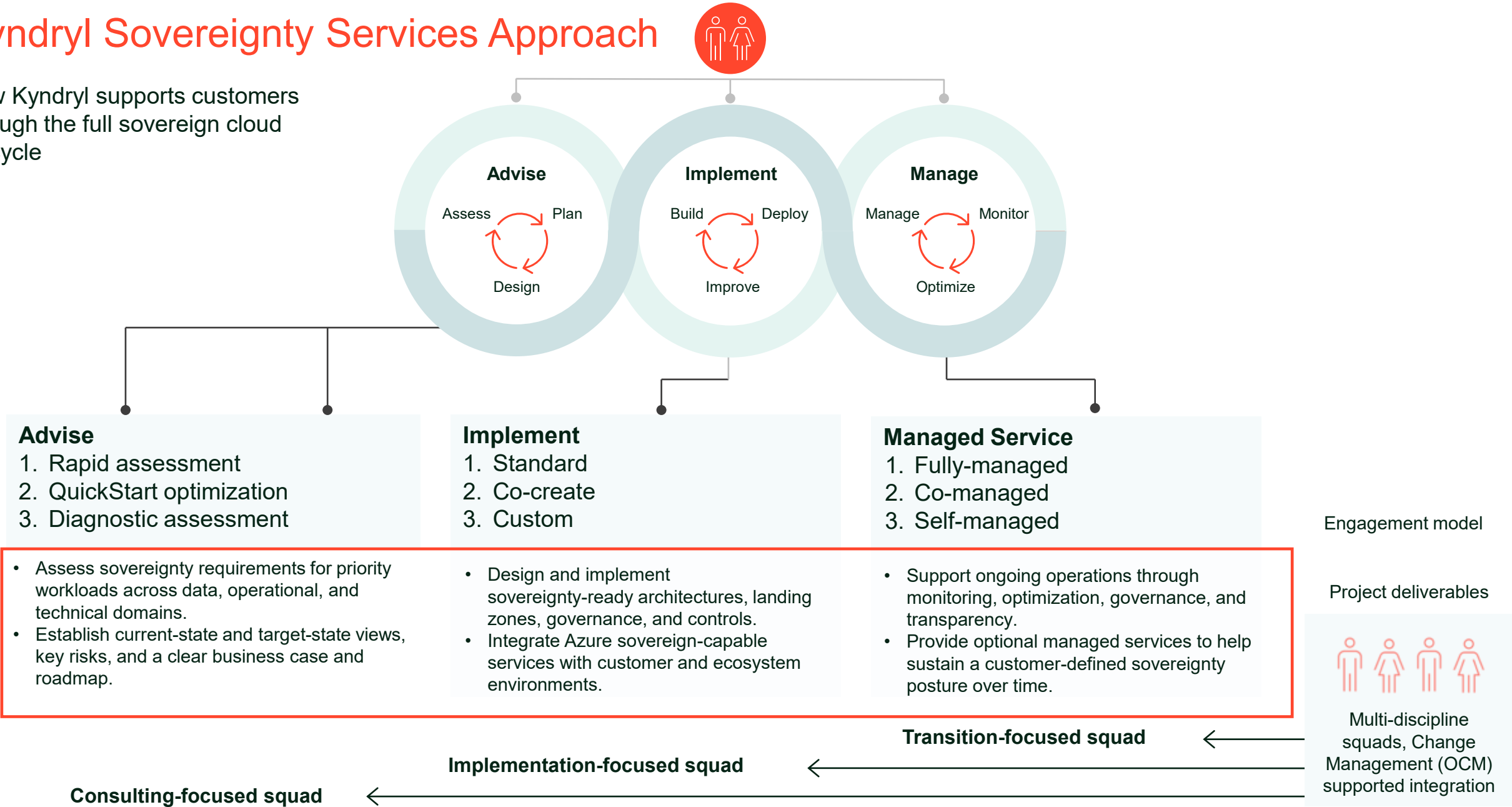
Provides a clear view of sovereignty risks, dependencies, and tradeoffs—enabling confident executive decision-making.

6–8 Week Structured Engagement | Comprehensive Sovereign Posture Report + Prioritized Roadmap

01 Requirements & Goals	02 Current-State Assessment	03 Gap Analysis & Prioritization	04 Roadmap & Executive Alignment
Week 1	Weeks 2–4	Week 5	Weeks 6–8
- Align on sovereignty priorities and regulatory context - Define scope across data, operational, and technical domains - Identify key stakeholders and data flows - Establish assessment baseline and success criteria	- Audit data residency, encryption, and access controls - Map operational dependencies and support model gaps - Evaluate vendor landscape and technology portability - Conduct interviews and review architecture documentation	- Score findings across all three pillars - Quantify risk exposure and regulatory impact - Prioritize gaps by severity, feasibility, and strategic value - Identify quick wins vs. long-term transformation initiatives	- Develop phased sovereign roadmap with milestones - Define investment, effort, and ownership for each initiative - Present findings and recommendations to executive sponsors - Finalize report with heatmaps, scores, and next steps

Kyndryl Sovereignty Services Approach

How Kyndryl supports customers through the full sovereign cloud lifecycle



Expected Business Outcomes

- ✓ **Reduced sovereignty risk exposure:** Reduce exposure to jurisdictional, access, and provider-dependency risks.
- ✓ **Improved operational resilience:** Strengthen continuity through deliberate workload placement and operational readiness.
- ✓ **Trusted AI adoption at scale:** Govern AI workloads with greater control, visibility, and confidence.
- ✓ **Increased regulatory confidence:** Improve audit readiness and alignment with evolving requirements.
- ✓ **Clear executive decision-making:** Enable informed tradeoffs between control, resilience, innovation, and cost.



Kyndryl is the partner built to design and implement sovereignty-ready architectures, not just advise on them

Follow-On Solution Suite

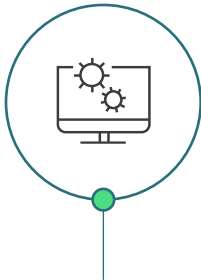
Follow-On Solution Suite

End-to-end support for realizing assessment value as regulations and technologies evolve



Infrastructure-Led Modernization

Controlled workload placement, exit readiness, sovereign cloud & private infrastructure migration



Application-led Modernization

Portable apps designed for data locality and zero-trust by default



Data & AI

Data classification, AI governance, private AI platforms, and jurisdictional controls



Security & Resiliency

Zero Trust, operational authority models, cyber resilience, and continuity under duress

Next Steps

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New to Sovereignty?

Start with the Kyndryl Sovereignty Services Readiness Assessment

Align sovereignty objectives to your regulatory and risk landscape, identify dependencies across data, operations, and technology, and receive a **prioritized roadmap** to design a sovereignty-ready architecture.

Already advancing sovereignty initiatives?

Deepen your posture with a **targeted assessment and roadmap**. Evaluate your current environment to **identify gaps, reduce risk exposure, and optimize control, resilience, and compliance**—then translate findings into a **phased implementation and operating model plan**.

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Request the Kyndryl Sovereignty Assessment:

<https://www.kyndryl.com/us/en/about-us/alliances/consult>



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