

# The new €3B IPCEI Cloud

## *Building a Sovereign Edge Cloud based on European technologies*



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# OpenNebula Systems



- The European **open source company** behind OpenNebula.
- HQ in **Madrid** (Spain), with offices in Brussels (BE), Brno (CZ) & USA.
- The only European open source **laaS** solution, born in **2008**.
- A success story emerged from **EU innovation** programmes.
- Chairing the Cloud/Edge WG of the EC-sponsored **EU Cloud Alliance**.

# What is OpenNebula?

*The Only European Open Source Cloud & Edge Computing Platform*

Virtual Machines



Kubernetes Clusters



Virtual Infrastructure Management, Cloud Management Provisioning & Cloud Federation



CORE DATA CENTER



PUBLIC CLOUD

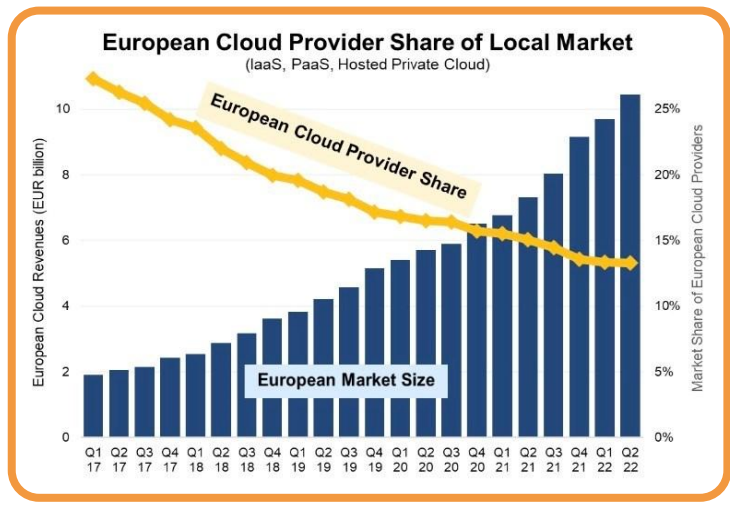


EDGE

- ✓ Multi-Tenancy
- ✓ Self-Service
- ✓ High Availability
- ✓ Federation
- ✓ Multi-Tier Apps
- ✓ Elasticity
- ✓ Automation
- ✓ Multi-Cloud
- ✓ VMs + Kubernetes

# IPCEI Cloud – Fixing the EU Cloud Market

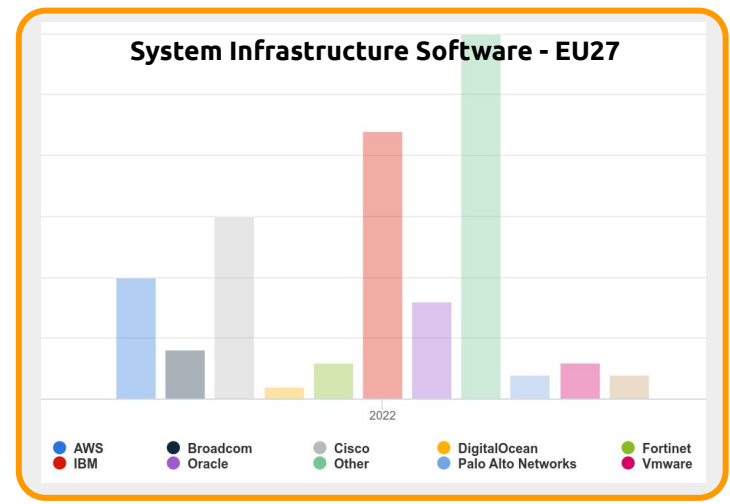
## Cloud Services



Source: Synergy Research Group (September 2022)

Share of **EU** CSPs has declined  
(From 26% to <13%)

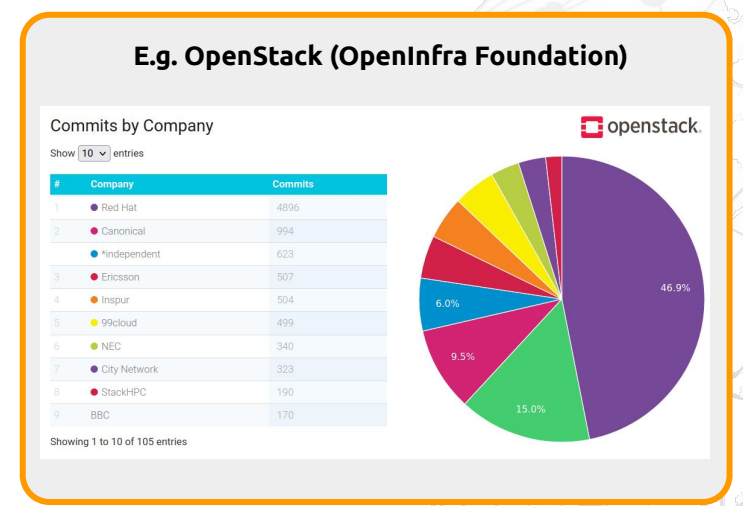
## SysInfra SW Market



Source: Statista (October 2022)

No top competitor from the **EU**  
(All of them are US companies)

## Open Source SW



Source: Stackalytics (January 2023)

Marginal (<5%) role of **EU** code  
(Dominated by US organisations)

# IPCEI Cloud – *Fixing the EU Cloud Market*



*Feb 2020*  
**European Strategy for Data** aims to build a single market for data



*May 2020*  
**Recovery and Resilience Facility**  
20% Digital EU Flagship  
“Scale-up”



*Oct 2020*  
**Member States Declaration** for next generation European cloud



*Mar 2021*  
**Digital Decade Strategy** sets targets on edge and cloud for 2030



*May 2021*  
**Updated EU Industrial Strategy** evidences strategic dependencies

# IPCEI Cloud – *Fixing the EU Cloud Market*

In October 2020, all 27 EU Member States signed a joint declaration on “Building the next generation cloud for businesses and the public sector in the EU”:

- “The EU has a unique opportunity to address the need for more data sharing and decentralised data processing, **closer to the user (at the edge)**”.
- “Completely interoperable, **open**, multi-vendor cloud platforms and services, based on European, international or **open source standards**, will enable users to migrate effectively to the cloud (...)”.



The Signatories agreed on an ambitious investment plan gathering private, national and EU efforts and leading to the next generation of EU cloud and **edge services...**

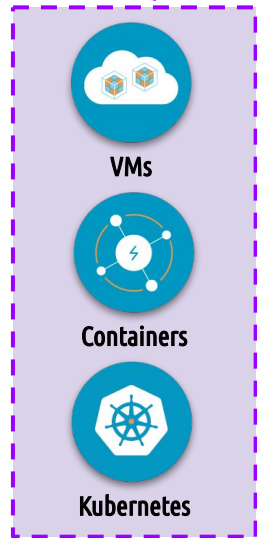


# IPCEI Cloud – Fixing the EU Cloud Market

- ✓ Enable **Multi-Provider Cloud-Edge Continuum**
- ✓ Strengthening of **EU Digital Industry**
- ✓ Development of **European Open Source Technologies**



IPCEI-CIS.eu



# IPCEI Cloud – General Overview

Say 'hello' to the largest **open source project** in EU history! 🙌

- ★ Strategic co-investment programme approved by the EC in December 2023:
  - **1,200 million EUR in State Aid + 1,400 million EUR in private funds.**
  - Expected to create more than 1000 highly-qualified jobs across the EU.
- ★ **~100 European companies from 12 Member States.**



Commission approves up to €1.2 billion support by 7 Member States for an IPCEI on **Next Generation Cloud Infrastructure and Services (IPCEI CIS)**

- Workstream 1  
Cloud-Edge Continuum Infrastructure
- Workstream 2  
Cloud-Edge Capabilities
- Workstream 3  
Advanced smart data processing tools and services
- Workstream 4  
Advanced Applications

- ▶ Contributes to key EU objectives
- ▶ Boosts breakthrough innovation
- ▶ Generates **positive spill-over effects** across the EU
- ▶ Ensures **proportionate public spending**
- ▶ Ensures **fair competition**



- ▶ **7 Member States:**
- ▶ **19 companies** Large Enterprises and SMEs
- ▶ **19 research, development and first industrial deployment projects**
- ▶ **+90 indirect partners**
- ▶ Expected to unlock **€1.4 billion** of private investments



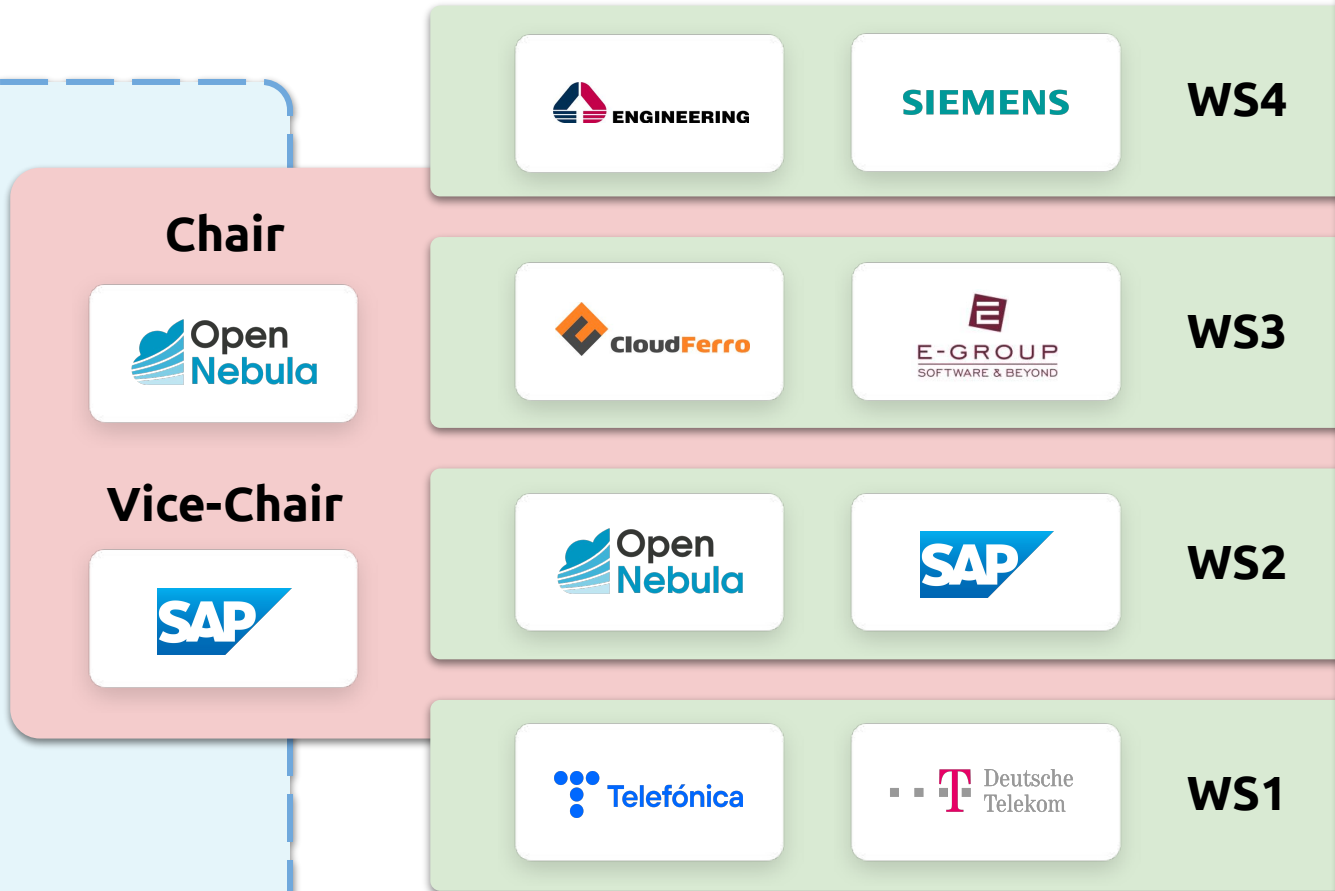
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Workstream 1 Cloud-Edge Continuum Infrastructure	Workstream 2 Cloud-Edge Capabilities	Workstream 3 Advanced smart data processing tools and services	Workstream 4 Advanced Applications
Deutsche Telekom	Atos	4iG	Siemens
Telefónica España	Orange	E-Group ICT Software	Fincantieri
	SAP	Tiscali Italia	Engineering Ingegneria Informatica
	Reply	CloudFerro	
	TIM		
	Oktawave		
	Atende Industries		
	OpenNebula Systems		
	Arsys Internet		
	Leaseweb Global		



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## Industry Facilitation Group



## Wider IPCEI CIS Ecosystem

### Direct Participants

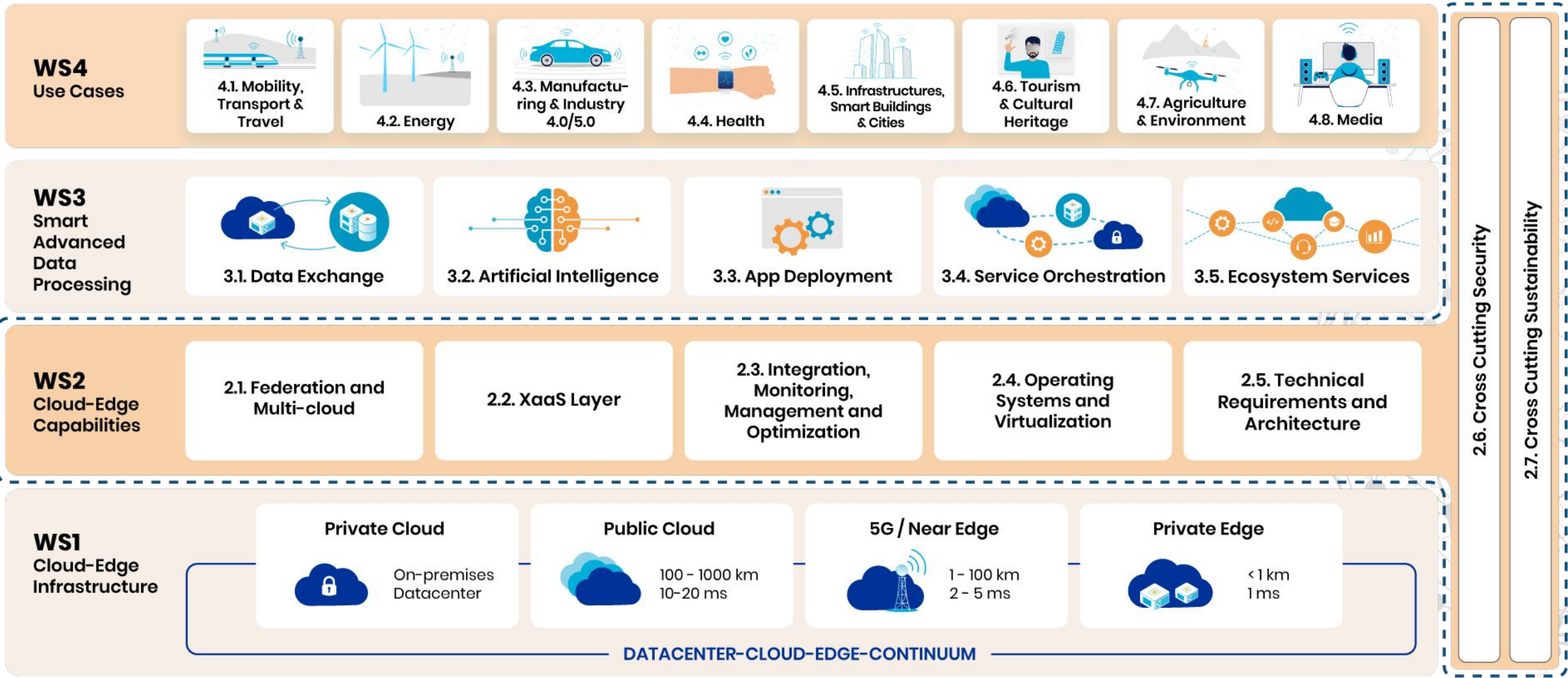
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- Arsys Internet
- Atende Industries
- Atos
- CloudFerro
- Deutsche Telekom
- E-Group ICT Software
- Engineering Ingegneria Informatica
- Fincantieri
- Leaseweb Global
- Oktawave
- OpenNebula Systems
- Orange
- Reply
- SAP
- Siemens
- Telefónica España
- TIM
- Tiscali

### Indirect Partners

- ADVA Optical Networking
- Aecorsis
- Airbus Operations
- Amadeus
- Amiral Technologies
- Amsterdam Internet Exchange
- Armadillo
- Aspired
- Bass
- BetterBe
- BIT
- Capital Energy Service
- CGI France
- CNRS IRISA
- CNRS LAAS
- CNRS UGA ERODS
- CNRS UT 3 IRIT SEPIA
- DataVaccinator
- DATI Group
- DB Netz
- DE-CIX Management
- Deerns Nederland
- Diehl Aerospace
- e-BO Enterprises
- elevait
- ENEA
- Engie Laborelec
- Ericsson
- Eurofiber Nederland
- Excellium Services
- Fachhochschule Dortmund
- Fondazione Bruno Kessler
- Gdańsk University of Tech
- Gigas Hosting
- H1 Systems
- Hashnet
- i3d.net
- Igea
- Indra Soluciones Tecnológicas de la Información
- Infobip
- Info Support
- Infrachain
- INRIA LILLE - Nord Europe
- INRIA Nancy- GRAND EST
- Institut Imagine
- Internet Institute
- Ionos
- Iskra
- itrust consulting
- Kontron
- Lacroix Electronics Cesson
- Lacroix Sofrel
- Limebird
- Lindner
- Luxembourg House of Cybersecurity
- Mondragon Corporación
- Nederlandse Organisatie voor toegepast-natuurwetenschappelijk onderzoek (TNO)
- N+P Informationssysteme
- Ningaloo
- No Blue Screen System
- Operator Chmury Krajowej
- Phoenix Systems
- Pro-bit
- Provenrun
- Proximus
- Recog. AI
- Result
- RHEA Group
- Rheinmetall Technology Center
- Robert Bosch
- RYAX Technologies
- Secunet Security Networks
- Stichting Nationale Beheersorganisatie Internet Providers
- SYSGO
- Telemach
- ThreeFold Tech
- Tilde
- United Biometrics
- Universite Bretagne Sud
- Universite Caen Basse Normandie
- Universite de Lille
- Universite de Versailles Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines
- Universiteit Twente
- Universiteit van Amsterdam
- University of Latvia (IMCS)
- Ventspils High Ventspils Technology Park
- WestfalenWIND IT
- Zejn

Supervisory Board  
(MS + EC)

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DATACENTER-CLOUD-EDGE-CONTINUUM

# IPCEI Cloud – *General Overview*

## STATE OF THE ART

### Cloud-Edge Hybrid Architectures

- Mostly based on **proprietary, complex** technologies, leading to **vendor lock-in**.
- **Centralized cloud structures** that assume highly **homogeneous** datacenters.

### Multi-provider Interoperability and Portability

- **Low adoption of standards**, with **abstraction layers** based on containers with **reduced security** (i.e. K8s).
- Storage and network model **not well suited for the highly distributed** cloud-edge continuum.
- **Partial use of automation techniques** (e.g. IaC) for infrastructure provisioning automation.
- **Lack of specific edge node architectures** able to meet the needs of HPC and 5G/telco environments.

### Multicloud Management and Orchestration

- Lack of **AI used to optimize and automate** cloud/edge infrastructure management.
- Centralized control planes that **do not allow the federation** of cloud and edge infrastructures.
- Limited support for **optimized orchestration, energy efficiency**, and enforcement of **security policies**.

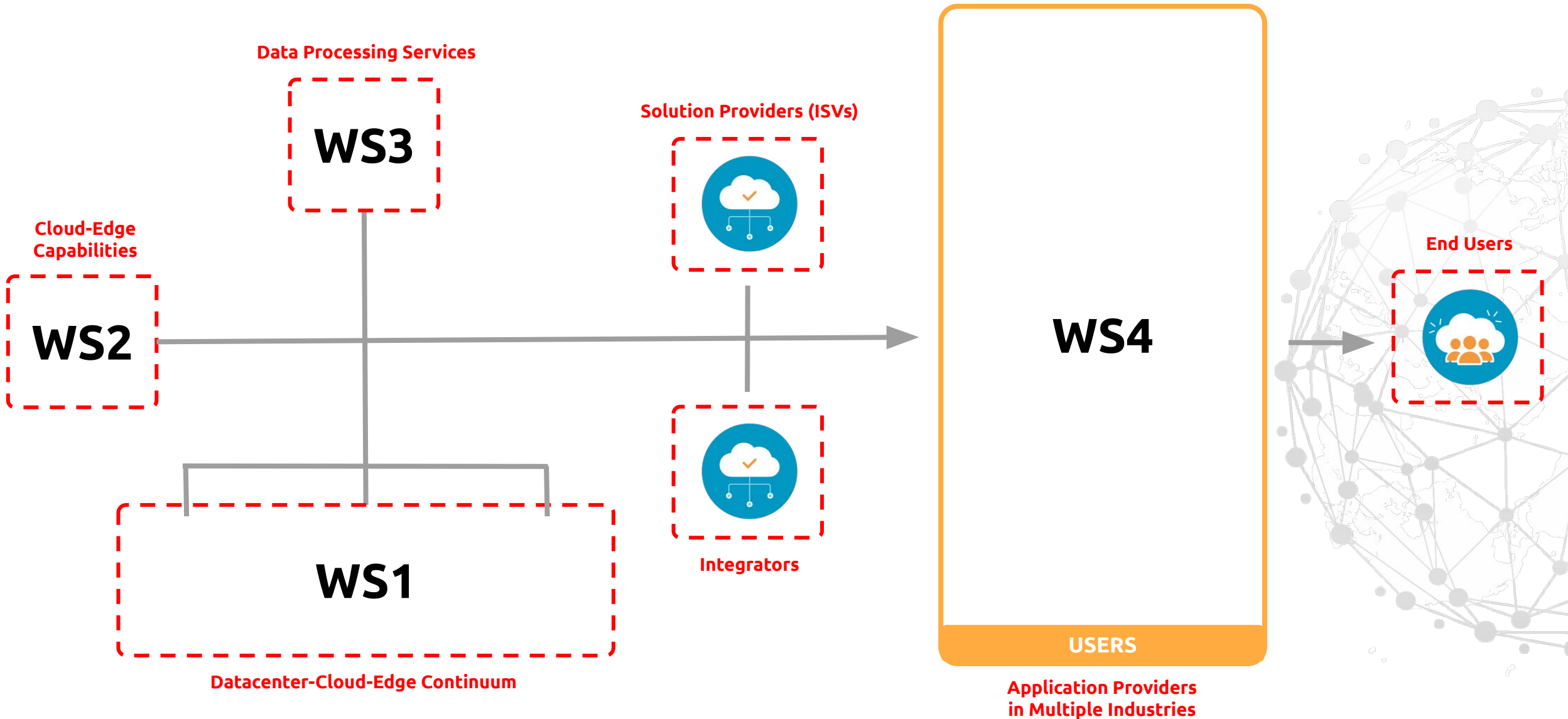
### Use Cases

- Deployed as **static solutions** on a **case-by-case basis**, lacking automation, interoperability and portability.
- Creating **silos in strategic sectors** based on different technological stacks and ad hoc implementations.
- **Jeopardizes the consolidation of a cloud-edge continuum** and an associated industry ecosystem.

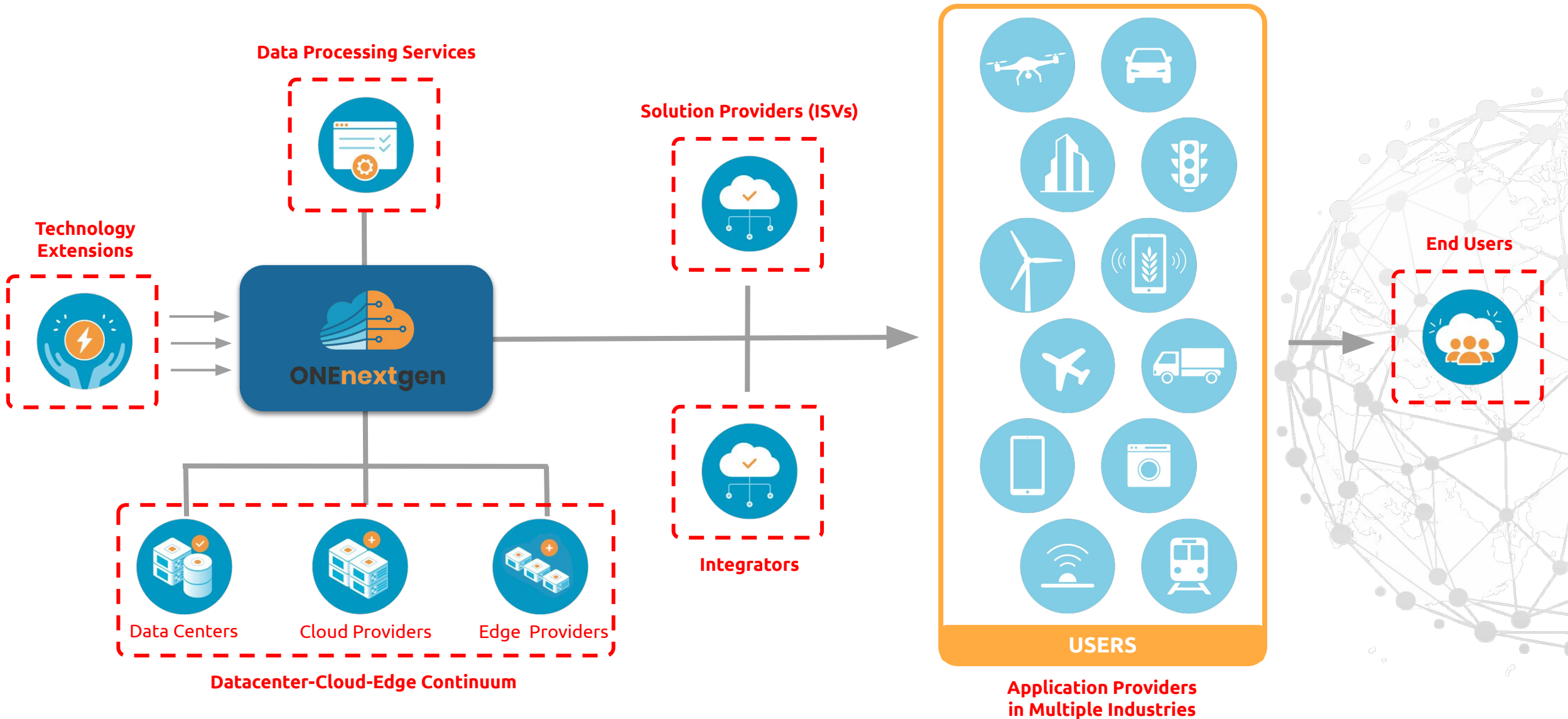
## FUTURE CHALLENGES

- Increasing number of **edge providers** in the market.
- Emergence of **tens of thousands** of geographically distributed edge nodes.
- Need for complete **automation** of cloud edge operations.
- New **security threats** and larger impact of vulnerabilities.
- Preference for **energy-efficient** nodes.
- Tendency to platform **heterogeneity**.
- Infrastructure **dynamicity** and **volatile** devices.
- Dependency on **general-purpose, public** networks.
- Widely **distributed** environments.

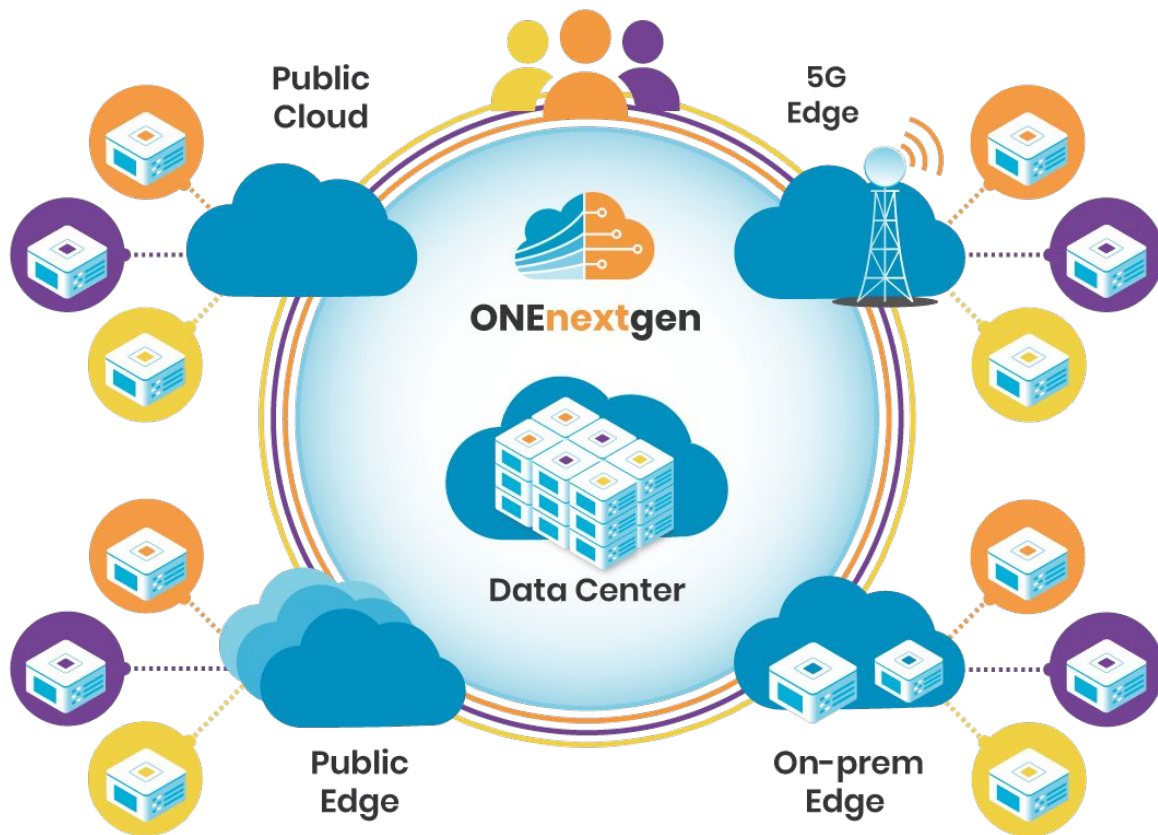
# IPCEI Cloud – Integrating the Whole EU Cloud-Edge Ecosystem



# IPCEI Cloud – Example of Individual Project: *ONEnextgen*



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## MAIN GEO-STRATEGIC CHALLENGES:

### Coordination Failure



Lack of **coordination** to deliver a **suitable edge** computing offering

### Concentrated Market Power



Market structure dominated by a few **non-EU providers**



Vendor **lock-in** practices



**High barriers to entry** for new cloud and edge providers

### Negative Externality



Excessive **energy consumption** and **pollution** from rapidly-expanding cloud infrastructure

# IPCEI Cloud – Example of Individual Project: *ONEnextgen*

## WS4. Advanced Applications

<p><b>Smart Trains</b></p>	<p><b>Smart Grid</b></p>
<p><b>Smart Factory</b></p>	<p><b>Remote Surgery</b></p>
<p><b>Smart Rail Stations</b></p>	<p><b>Smart Tourism</b></p>
<p><b>Wildfire Management</b></p>	<p><b>Live Broadcasting</b></p>

## WS3. Advanced Smart Data Processing

**amaDEUS**

**E-GROUP**  
SOFTWARE & BEYOND

**TIM**

## WS2. Cloud Edge Capabilities

arsys	ATENDE INDUSTRIES		
capital energy	ENGINEERING	EDGE CLOUD	gigas
H1 SYSTEMS	KIO		
REPLY	POLITECHNIKA GDAŃSKA	SAP	
SECURITY MADEIN.LU	s&t ISKRATEL		
SYSGO	Telefónica	THREEFOLD	TIM
TNO			

## WS1. Cloud-Edge Continuum Infrastructure

**arsys**

**Telefónica**

## Datacenter-Cloud-Edge Continuum

**Datacenter**

Private Cloud

**Cloud-Edge Continuum**

- Cloud
- In-country Edge
- Near Edge
- Far Edge
- On-premise Edge



# IPCEI Cloud – Building a real “Sovereign Cloud” for Europe



*“Strategic autonomy is not a question of isolating ourselves and trying to produce everything in Europe, but of giving ourselves the means to discuss from a position of strength with our foreign partners”.*

**Josep Borrell**

Quo Vadis Europa? (29/08/2022)

*“When it comes to digital, Europe's resilience will depend on our ability to develop the next generation of cloud and edge capacities and invest massively in developing European alternatives to reduce our current dependencies”.*



**Thierry Breton**

A European Sovereignty Fund for an industry “Made in Europe” (15/09/2022)



# NexusForum2024 Summit – 19 & 20 September @ Brussels

*The event series bringing together the whole EU cloud & edge innovation ecosystem*



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*Thank you... and see you soon!*

