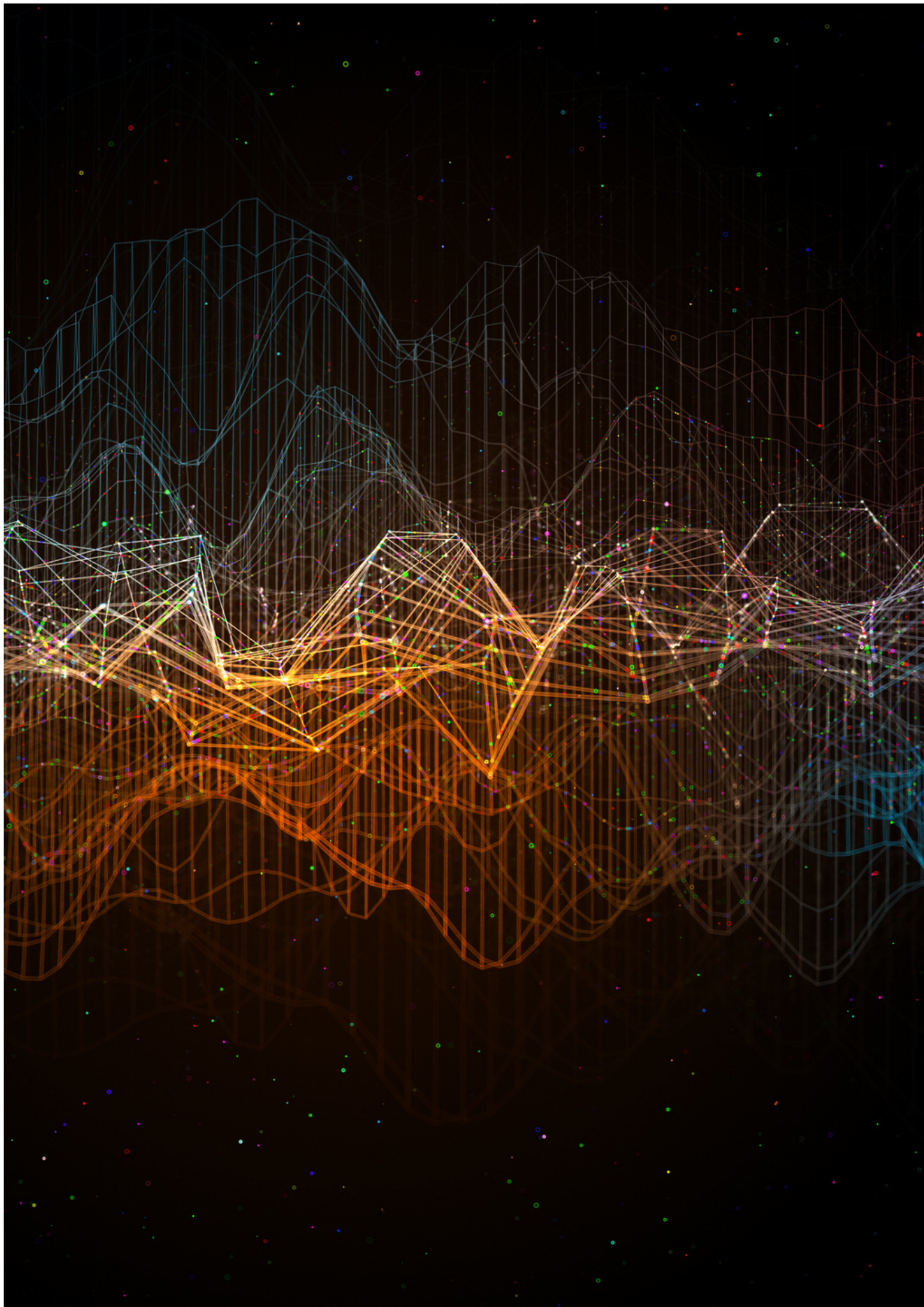


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# CLOUD 24 ONWARDS

LIFT-OFF OR FLATLINE?



# 2023 EVENT

Europe stands at a crossroads, with various forces shaping its cloud industry and digital transformation, from fostering fair competition and digital sovereignty to driving innovation and enhancing service delivery.

We will take a deep dive into **the future of cloud computing in Europe** and examine how investments and regulatory initiatives may influence innovation.

Our discussion will revolve around two key themes:

1. **EU Initiatives** such as the European Cybersecurity Certification Scheme for Cloud Services, European Cloud Rulebook, Data Act, DMA, DSA, and more
2. Strategies for addressing challenges related to **European Cloud Technology**.

## ABOUT ECIS

ECIS is an international non-profit association founded in 1989 that endeavours to promote a favourable environment for interoperable ICT solutions. It has actively represented its members on issues relating to interoperability and competition before European, international and national fora, including the EU institutions and WIPO.

ECIS' members include large and smaller information and communications technology hardware and software providers. The association strives to promote market conditions in the ICT sector that ensure that there is vigorous competition on the merits and a diversity of consumer choice.

Any individual or organisation may apply to be admitted as a member of ECIS. In order to be admitted as a member, the applicant must show that it shares ECIS' philosophic views and aims, and that its conduct reflects this. Interested member candidates should contact the ECIS Secretariat at [info@ecis.eu](mailto:info@ecis.eu).

# AGENDA

Welcome and opening remarks by

**Thomas Vinje**

Chairman of ECIS

Discussion chaired by moderator

**Matthew Allison**

Senior Public Policy Manager, Vodafone

Topic 1: EU Initiatives

by **Pierre Chastanet**

Head of Unit Cloud & Software, European Commission

Topic 2: European Cloud Technology Challenges

by **Ian Walden**

Professor, Queen Mary, University of London

Discussion with other panellists

**Emilie Petras-Sohie**

Senior Legal & Policy Manager, IBM

**Gabriela Mercuri**

Managing Director, SCOPE Europe

**Antonio Freitas**

Senior Director and Head of Sovereign Cloud  
& Public Sector COE for EMEA, Oracle

**Johan Klykens**

Director of the Certification Service,  
Cybersecurity Centre Belgium

Q&A for the general audience

Closing remarks by **Matthew Allison**

# BIOGRAPHIES



**PIERRE CHASTANET**

Pierre Chastanet is Head of the Unit for Cloud and Software in the European Commission and oversees the development and implementation of the European policies on Cloud and Free Flow of Data. Mr. Chastanet has been working for 16 years at the European Commission in various management and policy development assignments, in the areas of cybersecurity, digital privacy, ICT for societal challenges, green ICT, and telecom innovation. Prior to that, Mr. Chastanet gained more than 11 years of ICT experience, mostly in various IT management positions in a large multinational company. He holds an MSc in Telecommunication Engineering from Telecom ParisTech, an M.A. in International Politics from the Free University of Brussels (ULB), and a BSc in Economics from the London School of Economics and Political Science.



**IAN WALDEN**

Dr Ian Walden is Professor of Information and Communications Law and Director of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London. His publications include *Computer Crimes and Digital Investigations* (2nd ed., 2016) and *Telecommunications Law and Regulation* (5th ed., 2018). Ian was a Board Member and Trustee of the Internet Watch Foundation (2004-09); the Press Complaints Commission (2009-14); a member of the RUSI Independent Surveillance Review (2014-15); a member of the Code Adjudication Panel at the Phone-paid Services Authority (2016-21); a member of the European Commission Expert Group to support the application of the GDPR (2017-21), and is a Non-Executive Board Member of the Jersey Competition Regulatory Authority (2020- ). Ian is a solicitor and Of Counsel to Baker McKenzie. Ian is a principal investigator on the Cloud Legal Project and co-author of *Cloud Computing Law* (2nd ed., 2021).



**GABRIELA MERCURI**

Gabriela Mercuri is Managing Director at SCOPE Europe. At her role, she oversees the development, implementation, and dissemination of self and co-regulatory tools in the digital industry, such as the EU Cloud Code of Conduct, a market standard for GDPR compliance in the cloud sector. Together with SCOPE Europe's growing team, Gabriela is actively working on fostering trust in the digital economy by advancing effective solutions for today's regulatory challenges. She is an economist and a certified data protection officer who has studied and worked in different countries, being fluent in Portuguese, French, English, and Spanish.

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**JOHAN KLYKENS**

Johan Klykens is the Director of the Certification Service of the Cybersecurity Centre Belgium (CCB) since 2022. He is responsible for the market surveillance of products, processes and services certified under the CSA Act and he represents the Belgian authorities in the ECCG and participates to numerous ENISA working groups.

Johan is a qualified assessor on the main accreditation standards for BELAC, and involved in standardization as the president of the Belgian standardization mirror group on conformity assessment and member of Belgian standardization mirror groups on cybersecurity.

Johan has also worked for 18 years in the private sector on compliance and quality assurance in the fields of microelectronics and medicine.



**ANTONIO FREITAS**

Antonio Freitas is currently leading a team of Public Sector, Regulated Industries, and Digital Sovereignty experts at Oracle, where he has been serving as the Senior Director and Head of Sovereign Cloud & Public Sector COE for Europe, Middle East, and Africa.

In his role, Antonio consults with institutions and organizations on how to respond to their needs, concerns, and constraints related to data residency, security, privacy, and sovereignty regulations when adopting cloud computing. His team also serves as a thought leadership think tank, sharing ideas with Public Administration institutions on how to improve their ability to execute their missions and better serve citizens and society. He is also the head of strategy for Oracle's new EU Sovereign Cloud offering, designed specifically to support the EU Digital Sovereignty agenda.

Antonio brings to his current role over 25 years of experience. He has a valuable global perspective on IT adoption, implementation, and operation challenges, which he gained through a rich and diverse experience in regional and global responsibilities in the IT industry, consulting with clients of all sizes, across all continents, both in the public and private sectors.

Outside the IT industry, Antonio led complex business initiatives in the manufacturing and healthcare sectors, a key asset to his current role, enabling him to have a uniquely pragmatic view and understanding of the risk perceptions and reality of IT user organizations.



**EMILIE PETRAS-SOHIE**

Emilie Petras-Sohie is a lawyer with great expertise in the IT industry. She is a Senior Legal and policy Manager at IBM, where she has been working for more than 14 years, first supporting the business in negotiating transactions, before joining the Brussels Government and Regulatory Affairs team. Emilie previously worked providing legal advice to ING. She holds a Master's degree in Law from Université Libre de Bruxelles and is a graduate from Universidad Pontificia Comillas.

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**MATTHEW ALLISON**

Matt Allison is Senior Public Policy Manager at Vodafone Group, covering Data, Platforms and Artificial Intelligence. Matt has worked at the cutting edge of tech public policy for a decade in a variety of roles spanning industry, consultancy and NGOs. During this time, he has grappled with some of the key public policy challenges facing the technology sector and helped shape the policy landscape as governments and regulators look to confront and harness the rapid growth of digital services.

At Vodafone Matt is responsible for developing policy and regulatory strategies for data, AI and digital platforms, influencing new regulation and creating alignment between Vodafone's local market activities. Prior to joining Vodafone Matt was a Manager in the International Public Policy team at Access Partnership, the leading government affairs consultancy in the technology sector, as well as working in the NGO sector focused on the development of Internet safety policy. Matt holds a Masters degree in Politics, Security and Integration from the School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES), part of University College London. His studies focused on Russian and Eastern European politics, European integration and national identity. Prior to this Matt obtained a Bachelor's degree in History at the University of East Anglia where he specialised in Soviet history and English economic and social history.



**THOMAS VINJE**

Thomas Vinje is Chairman of ECIS. He is also Clifford Chance's Chairman Emeritus of the Global Antitrust Group.

Thomas is specialised in European antitrust and intellectual property law, with a particular focus on technology issues. He advises major corporations on all areas of antitrust law, including merger control, dominance and cartel cases, and cases involving the interface between competition and IP law.

Thomas is a Non-Governmental Advisor (NGA) to the European Commission on unilateral conduct matters.

He speaks regularly on European Union intellectual property and antitrust law and has authored numerous articles and book contributions on these topics. Thomas is Professor II on the Faculty of Law at the University of Bergen in Norway. He also lectures at the Universities of Amsterdam and Zurich and sits on the Board of Editors for "Computer und Recht International" and "European Intellectual Property Review"

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