



## **The Next Frontier of Public Sector Transformation** **The Future of Cloud, Data Access & Edge Computing in Europe**

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What is the best cloud model for Europe's public sector? Is Europe ambitious enough? And what policies are needed to liberate our data economy?

Public sector entities, ranging from government departments to hospitals, cities and universities, are faced with a pressing need to accelerate their digital transformation and to provide a better service to citizens while reducing their carbon footprint.

In light of the EU's refreshed data strategy, with plans to create a genuine Single Market for Data, and national initiatives to create cloud federations, such as Gaia-X in Germany, the next edition of the Public Sector Transformation (PST) Conference will tackle the underpinning data and technological trends, including improving data access while guaranteeing high-levels of privacy and unlocking the power of high-performance and edge computing.

**08:30 – 09:30**                      **Welcome Coffee and Registration**

**09:30 – 10:30**                      **Keynote Session**

**10:30 – 10:45**                      **Coffee Break**

**10:45 – 11:30**                      **Panel 1 - Building a European cloud federation: what path ahead?**

What data infrastructures are needed to empower Europe's data economy? According to the European Commission's new data strategy, federating Europe's cloud capacity could enable easier data sharing, freer data flows and a faster uptake of AI. Meanwhile, the Gaia-X initiative, launched on 29 October in Dortmund to create European "virtual hyperscale providers", has catalysed a discussion on how to coordinate European efforts to build a common cloud infrastructure. Speakers will explore what we can expect from the Gaia-X infrastructure model, how synergies can be found at European level, and how business, the public sector and EU policy-makers can cooperate to enable greater decentralisation and increased productivity at the edge.

**11:30 – 12:15**                      **Panel 2: The future technologies of public sector IT:  
Edge computing & HPC**

This session will look at the computing technologies that are accelerating e-government in Europe, and how the policy directions at both EU and member state levels can support deployment, particularly in areas such as edge and high-performance computing (HPC). The session will look at the benefits and challenges of edge computing and will also focus on the European Processor Initiative (EPI), how it can support the public sector and government IT, and how it has the potential to transform HPC deployment in Europe.

**12:15 – 12:30**

**Closing Remarks**

**12:30 – 14:00**

**Networking lunch**