

# German-French Conference

## How can we advance European Digital Sovereignty?

2022 February 10-11  
Munich, Bavaria

### Call for ideas – invitation to attend the conference and pitch your solutions!

Smart world! Smart Europe? The importance of sovereignty in the use of digital platforms and applications grows with each new area of private, economic and public life. Therefore a common and coherent vision of digital sovereignty is a mayor strategic challenge for Europe.

During the French presidency of the Council of the European Union, our 2-days French-German Conference aims to contribute to our common understanding of digital sovereignty not only as an industrial policy goal but as a goal that helps to increase innovation and to strengthen democracy and the freedom of European citizens.

#### Preliminary Program

The 1<sup>st</sup> day aims to bring together high level policy decision makers, academia and industry from EU, Germany and France.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> day includes pitch session of selected young fellows in front of highly renowned experts from politics, industry and academia. A final statement with selected contributions will be presented to policy makers after the conference.

Your opinion and ideas are needed! We are looking for **groups (from 2 to 4 persons) of Master, PhD students and young professionals** from all disciplines.

The **following questions** will be addressed during the pitch session:

- Which **political strategies** will help us with to realize the goal of digital self-determination and participation in Europe?
- Which relevant **service and technology solutions** could help us to realize a European Digital Sovereignty?
- Which initiatives could strengthen innovation and digitalization of **European industry** in the vision of Digital Sovereignty?

#### Grants

Travel and Accommodation grants of 400,--€ per selected participant. All scholarship holders are also invited to attend the entire conference.

#### Application

To apply please return (in English)

- a one-page abstract worked out by your group on one of the three questions mentioned above (max. 400 words)
- a motivation statement in the form of a video clip (in English language, max 3')

Please send your application to: [info.bayfrance@tum.de](mailto:info.bayfrance@tum.de)

**Deadline:** 19<sup>th</sup> of December 2021

