
Digital Sovereignty for the State: STACKIT Included in the Cloud Portfolio of GovTech Germany's €250 Million Framework Agreement

- **STACKIT, a sovereign European cloud infrastructure, has been officially selected as part of the cloud portfolio of the "Deutschlandplattform" and the MEDI:CUS healthcare platform.**
- **Bechtle AG holds the framework agreement for the integration and provision of the multi-cloud environment for the public sector.**
- **Uncompromising data sovereignty through storage within the EEA, C5 testing, and ISO 27001 certification based on IT-Grundschutz.**

Neckarsulm, May 29, 2026 – Schwarz Digits, the IT and digital division of Schwarz Group, has achieved a groundbreaking success for the digital transformation of administration and healthcare in Germany. As part of an EU-wide tender by GovTech Deutschland, the in-house cloud provider STACKIT was selected as part of the multi-cloud portfolio of the contracted Bechtle AG. The framework agreement, with a total volume of up to 250 million euros, ensures standardized and sovereign access to highly scalable infrastructure and AI services for government agencies at the federal, state, and local levels.

Digital sovereignty as the foundation for government and healthcare

By awarding the framework contract to Germany's largest IT systems provider, Bechtle AG, GovTech Deutschland is laying the technical foundation for an interoperable multi-cloud environment. STACKIT provides a native European cloud infrastructure (IaaS and PaaS) on which specialized administrative processes and modern AI applications can be operated in the future. Technological independence from non-European providers will sustainably strengthen the state's digital sovereignty.

Strong Alliance for the Public Sector

As a leading IT partner for the future, Bechtle AG is taking on the overall management and coordination of the framework agreement. The IT service provider acts as a central multi-cloud broker and ensures that government agencies and public institutions can access cloud and AI services seamlessly, securely, and in line with their needs. The partnership combines Bechtle AG's sales and implementation expertise with the technological independence and security of STACKIT's European cloud.

"With this framework agreement, we are establishing a forward-looking ecosystem. It combines innovation and security and enables government agencies to flexibly access high-performance cloud services as core building blocks of sovereign overall architectures," says **Steven Handgrätinger, Executive Vice President of the Public Sector Division at Bechtle AG**.

“Winning this contract proves that sovereign European infrastructures fully meet the strict regulatory requirements of the government and the healthcare sector and offer a genuine, independent alternative,” says **Bernie Wagner, CSO of Schwarz Digits**.

Highest security standards and open cloud architecture

As a cloud provider from Schwarz Digits, STACKIT meets the strictest regulatory requirements. The infrastructure is certified to ISO 27001 based on IT-Grundschutz by the Federal Office for Information Security (BSI) and holds comprehensive C5 certifications. In addition, STACKIT enables state-of-the-art security procedures such as confidential computing to ensure the seamless and uninterrupted protection of highly sensitive patient data and government metadata within the European Economic Area (EEA). The framework agreement establishes STACKIT as a sovereign infrastructure for the public sector.

Further information

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About Schwarz Digits

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About Bechtle AG

Bechtle is one of Europe's leading IT service providers. The company designs future-proof IT architectures—ranging from traditional IT infrastructure to digitalization, multi-cloud, modern workplace, and security, all the way to artificial intelligence and managed services. In doing so, Bechtle specifically strengthens its customers' digital sovereignty by holistically embedding technological self-determination, transparency, and resilience. Germany's largest IT system house also offers intelligent financing solutions and the implementation of sustainable concepts such as Circular IT. Through its subsidiaries, Bechtle ranks among the leading specialists in business applications, particularly PLM and ERP. Its multichannel strategy combines personal support at over 120 locations across 14 European countries with digital services and global collaboration. With more than 16,000 employees, Bechtle serves medium-sized companies, corporations, and the public sector. Bechtle is listed on the MDAX and TecDAX. In 2025, revenue stood at €6.41 billion. Learn more at: [bechtle.com](https://www.bechtle.com)