

The European third way

AI is not just another product: it is a **metatechnology** that redistributes the power to decide. Two models dominate the response : the platform and the State. Europe is sketching a third way: **sovereignty through law and through design**. ACF is its concrete implementation.

In the tradition of the work of **ISN** (Institute for Digital Sovereignty) × **iDFRights** · Benhamou, Cavada · 2026

*"AI is not just a tool or a platform, it is a **transformative metatechnology** : the technology behind technology and everything else, itself a producer of tools and platforms."*

Mustafa Suleyman · The Coming Wave, 2023



PLATFORM MODEL

Innovation through concentration

Speed, capital and network effects. Powerful agents, deployed fast, at global scale.

RISK dependency, capture of decision-making, eroded sovereignty.



CENTRALIZED MODEL

Control through planning

AI steered by public authority, vertically integrated, placed at the service of order.

RISK surveillance, rigidity, subordination of the individual to the system.



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THIRD WAY

Sovereignty through law and design

GDPR, AI Act, **decision sovereignty**. Autonomy is delegated, but remains governed and reversible.

REQUIREMENT equip the doctrine with tools · otherwise it remains a wish.



The third way has its doctrine · **ISN, iDFRights, AI Act** , but it lacks the field. ACF delivers what turns a principle into practice: **an open standard, tools, cases, a simulation**. The framework is free for schools and training programs; the enterprise ecosystem remains under contract. **Open standard, protected value**.