



## **LACROIX Chooses a Sovereign Cloud with Scaleway to Ensure Continuity and Independence in the Management and Optimization of Critical Water and Energy Infrastructure Networks**

**Nantes – April, 2026** – *Water, energy, public lighting: the management of essential territorial infrastructures increasingly relies on digital solutions. While these tools deliver major gains in performance and operational control, they also raise a strategic issue that remains too little addressed: control over digital solutions and public data, and the question of digital sovereignty.*

*As a long-established French industrial player and a long-standing partner of local authorities, LACROIX announces its decision to rely on a sovereign cloud for its connected solutions, including LX CONNECT, in order to ensure enhanced data protection and continuity of public services.*

### **A Dual Imperative: Data Sovereignty and Technological Independence**

Contrary to a common misconception, digital sovereignty is not limited to the geographical location of data. It also depends on technological independence.

For LACROIX, this means:

- Avoiding technological lock-in by refusing exclusive dependence on proprietary building blocks.
- Favouring interoperable standards to facilitate communication between systems.
- Embracing open-source components, ensuring transparency and long-term sustainability for critical infrastructures.

## A Clear Choice: Security, Independence and Trust

LACROIX has chosen to rely on Scaleway, a leading European sovereign cloud provider and technological partner for all its SaaS offerings, including LX CONNECT SaaS, deployed for the automated management of water network equipment and cybersecurity.

This choice offers several key advantages:

- **Genuine data sovereignty**, with data hosted and operated by a European provider under European jurisdiction.
- **Controlled service continuity**, enabled by the deployment of three availability zones (AZs) across three data centres in Paris.
- **A responsible digital approach**, relying on data centres cooled using adiabatic evaporative systems that eliminate the need for energy-intensive air conditioning, and powered by 100% renewable energy.

In line with LACROIX's approach to quantifying environmental benefits, Scaleway also provides an Environmental Footprint Calculator, enabling real-time monitoring of the actual carbon and water consumption associated with cloud usage.

## Supporting the Long-Term Digital Transformation of Territories

Through this choice, LACROIX aims to support local authorities in a digital transformation that is both efficient, secure and sustainable.

*"As a leading industrial player, LACROIX has a major responsibility: ensuring the resilience of the vital infrastructures of our territories. Digital sovereignty is not an option — it is the foundation of trust. By complementing our industrial sovereignty with data sovereignty, we offer operators robust service continuity and lasting technological independence in the face of geopolitical and cybersecurity challenges,"* states **Vincent Bedouin, CEO of LACROIX**.

*"In a market context where concerns around immunity and technological independence are becoming increasingly critical, LACROIX is among the companies that translate these issues directly into their technology choices. This approach reflects a high level of standards, serving both their clients and the territorial challenges they address — a choice that deserves recognition,"* adds **Damien Lucas, Chief Executive Officer, Scaleway**.

Sovereign cloud is not a barrier to innovation; on the contrary, it forms an essential foundation of trust for deploying critical digital services for citizens.

*"With LX CONNECT, our ambition is to offer territories a solution that is both high-performing and free from imposed technological dependencies. By integrating open-source components and interoperable standards on a sovereign infrastructure, we ensure that local authorities retain control over their critical infrastructures — today and tomorrow,"* explains **Ronan Tano, Executive VP, Research & Development, LACROIX**.

For LACROIX, digital sovereignty is a key condition for guaranteeing territorial autonomy and the continuity of tomorrow's public services.

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## About LACROIX

LACROIX is a French mid-cap technology and industrial group with an international footprint, specializing in the design and manufacture of electronic equipment, as well as the delivery of reliable and secure industrial IoT solutions. A family-owned, publicly listed company, LACROIX generated €445 million in revenue in 2025. The Group builds on recognized expertise and structures its development around two core business activities: Electronics and Environment.

Through its Electronics activity, LACROIX supports its customers from design to the manufacturing of embedded electronics for their solutions. Leveraging a network of geographically complementary and competitive manufacturing sites, the Group serves a wide range of sectors, including automotive, industry, connected homes and buildings (HBAS), aerospace and defense, and healthcare. As the industrial backbone of the Group, the Electronics activity ranks among the Top 50 electronic manufacturing services providers worldwide and the Top 10 in Europe.

Through its Environment activity, LACROIX supports public and private stakeholders in optimizing and securing the management of critical infrastructure networks by offering connected and secure solutions and services dedicated to water networks, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, energy networks (Smart Grids), and public lighting.

LACROIX pursues a strategy of sustainable long-term growth. The Group focuses its activities on the development of useful and eco-designed technologies aimed at addressing major societal challenges, as part of a resilience-driven approach with a positive impact.