

Azure Virtual Desktop Design and Implementation

Service Definition Document

Sopra Steria



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1 About Sopra Steria

1.1 Overview

About Sopra Steria

Sopra Steria, a major Tech player in Europe with 50,000 employees in nearly 30 countries, is recognised for its consulting, digital services and solutions. It helps its clients drive their digital transformation and obtain tangible and sustainable benefits. The Group provides end-to-end solutions to make large companies and organisations more competitive by combining in-depth knowledge of a wide range of business sectors and innovative technologies with a collaborative approach. Sopra Steria places people at the heart of everything it does and is committed to putting digital to work for its clients in order to build a positive future for all. In 2024, the Group generated revenues of €5.8 billion.

The world is how we shape it

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1.2 Our Cloud Capability

Sopra Steria Cloud Practice brings together leading digital, cloud and engineering expertise to accelerate transformation for our clients.

- Delivering comprehensive digital and cloud transformation, including strategic consulting, change management, large-scale migration, application modernisation, next-generation development and secure, optimised operations
- Integrating deep capability across applications, data, infrastructure, cloud platforms and security, supported by industrialised assets to enable solutions across Private, Public, Hybrid and Sovereign Cloud environments
- Using an end-to-end cloud delivery model that integrates business, engineering, security and operations, ensuring continuous innovation, strong governance, and measurable business value throughout the full cloud lifecycle.

1.3 Our Credentials

Capacity

More than 15,000 cloud experts in 30 countries
(Vision, Ops, Design, Scale)

Market recognitions

- Large account (best category>\$250m) in the "Public Sector Industry Cloud Landscape" (Forrester)
- Leader "Cloud public in Europe" & "Next Gen Private & Hybrid Cloud" (ISG)
- Leader "Cloud Infra Brokerage" (NelsonHall)
- Best in Class "Azure" & "SAP" & "Service Now" (PAC Radar)
- Leader "Cloud Native Application" & "Application Transformation Services" (Quadrant)
- Major Contender "Cloud Services" & "Cloud Native Applications" & "Services on AWS Azure & CGP" (Everest)

Key partners





Main market recognitions

2nd in IT Services in France and 10th in EMEA*

Cybersecurity	Digital	AI	IT for Green	Cloud			
• Leader "Cyber resiliency services" (NelsonHall) • Leader "cybersecurity" in France & Germany (ISG) • Top 5 "cybersecurity" in France (Markess)	• Leader "Application Transformation Services" (Quadrant) • Leader "Digital Banking" (NelsonHall) • Leader "Digital Banking Services" (ISG) • Major Contender "Digital twin Services" (Everest) • Innovator "Digital Manufacturing" (NelsonHall)	• Leader AI Services & Gen AI (PAC Innovation Radar) • Leader AI Services (Quadrant) • Leader "Intelligence Process Automation" (Quadrant) • Major player "European Professional Services for Data-Drive" (IDC) • Major contenders "AI services" & "Intelligent Process Automation services" (Everest)	• Leader "ESG for Banking Services" (NelsonHall) • Best in class "consulting and digital services for sustainable development" (PAC Innovation Radar) • Major Contender "NetZero Consulting Services" (Everest)	• Large account (best category>\$250m) in the "Public Sector Industry Cloud Landscape" (Forrester) • Leader "Cloud Infra Brokerage" (NelsonHall) • Best in Class "Azure" & "SAP" & "Service Now" (PAC Radar) • Leader "Cloud Native Application" & "Application Transformation Services" (Quadrant) • Leader "Cloud public in Europe" & "Next Gen Private & Hybrid Cloud" (ISG) • Major Contender "Cloud Services" & "Cloud Native Applications" & "Services on AWS Azure & CGP" (Everest)			
							

* Source PAC 2024

2 Service Overview

2.1 Service Description

Our Azure Virtual Desktop Design and Implementation service supports organisations to plan, design, and implement secure, scalable virtual desktop environments in Azure. We help buyers adopt AVD in line with Microsoft best practices, governance requirements, and operational support models, enabling reliable remote access to applications and desktops.

2.2 Features

- Azure Virtual Desktop architecture design and validation
- Identity and access integration using Microsoft Entra ID
- Secure network and connectivity design
- Host pool, session host, and workspace configuration
- Image management
- User profile and data storage design
- Security, compliance, and policy alignment
- Performance and scalability planning
- Operational readiness and support handover
- Documentation and knowledge transfer

2.3 Benefits

- Secure remote access to desktops and applications
- Scalable solution aligned to user demand
- Reduced reliance on traditional on-premises VDI
- Improved business continuity and resilience
- Centralised security and identity management
- Better cost control through Azure consumption models
- Consistent user experience across locations
- Simplified desktop management and operations
- Faster onboarding of users and workloads
- Alignment with Microsoft Azure best practices

2.4 Our Approach

We take a structured, cloud-support-led approach to Azure Virtual Desktop. We begin by understanding user profiles, application requirements, security constraints, and operational needs. We design an AVD architecture aligned with Azure Landing Zone principles, identity standards, and network security controls.

We support configuration of host pools, session hosts, images, profiles, and access controls, ensuring scalability, resilience, and performance. Throughout the engagement, we focus on operational readiness, providing documentation, knowledge transfer, and support handover to enable smooth transition into business-as-usual operations.

2.5 Inputs

We would expect the following inputs from you as part of this service:

- User profiles, access requirements, and usage patterns
- Application and desktop requirements
- Identity, security, and compliance policies
- Existing Azure environment and network architecture
- Operational and support requirements

This is a high-level list and is not exhaustive. If you cannot provide all of these inputs, then we can discuss altering our approach to accommodate your situation.

2.6 Outputs & Deliverables

Some of the outputs and deliverables generated from the service are identified below:

- Azure Virtual Desktop architecture and design documentation
- Configured AVD environment aligned to agreed scope
- Security, identity, and access configuration overview
- Operational runbooks and support documentation
- Knowledge transfer and handover to support teams

This is a high-level list and is not exhaustive.

2.7 Certifications & Skills

Some of our certifications and skills related to this service are identified below:

- Microsoft Azure Virtual Desktop Specialty
- Microsoft Azure Solutions Architect Expert
- Microsoft Azure DevOps Engineer Expert
- Microsoft Azure Security Engineer Associate
- Microsoft Azure AI Engineer Associate
- Microsoft Azure Data Scientist Associate
- Microsoft Database Administrator Associate
- Microsoft Azure Administrator Associate
- Microsoft Developer Associate
- Microsoft Azure Network Engineer Associate

This is a high-level list and is not exhaustive.

3 Pricing

Please refer to the Pricing Document for this Service.

4 Next Steps

4.1 Contact

Please contact us if you would like to know more about any of our listings on G-Cloud.

Email: sector-support@soprasteria.com

As all of our G-Cloud enquiries initially come into a single contact, please remember to tell us:

- Your name, your organisation name and contact details
- Which service you are enquiring about
- A brief summary of your requirements or problem statements that you would like support to address.

4.2 More Information

More information about our services and capabilities can be found on our website [here](#).

