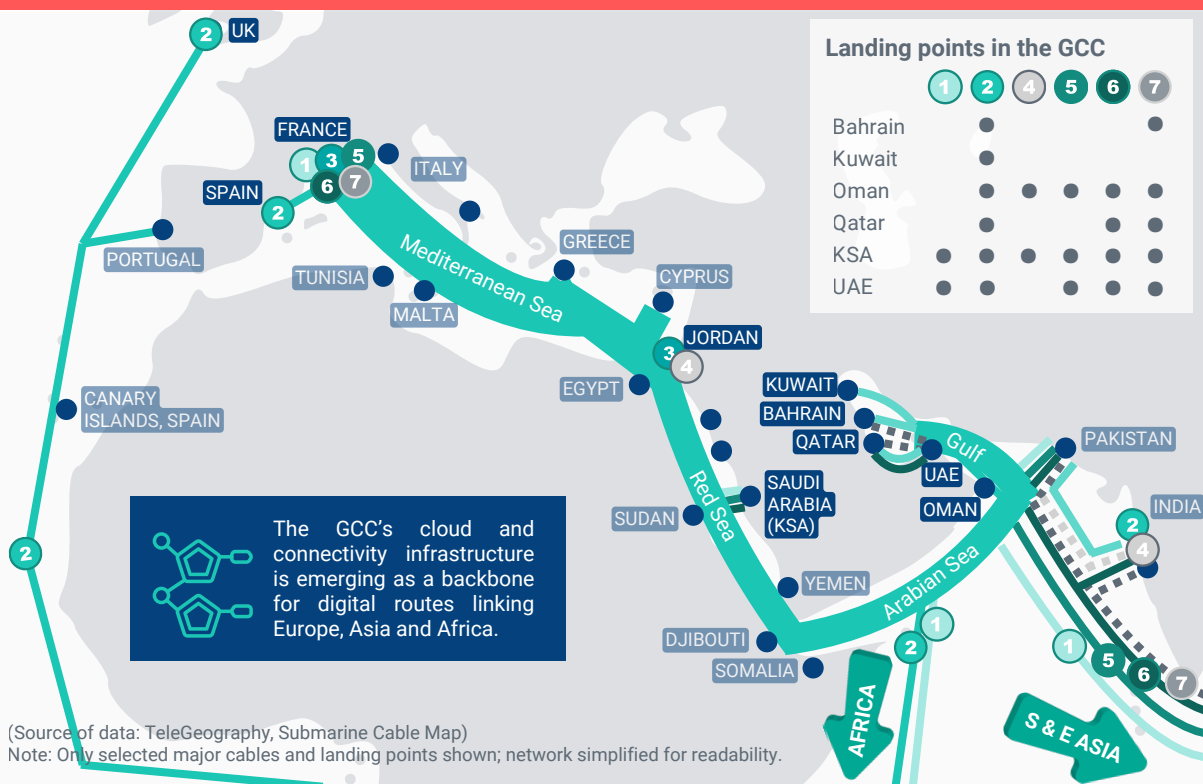




EURO-GULF DIGITAL CORRIDORS: DATA, CABLES & CLOUD INFRASTRUCTURE

As Europe-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ties deepen, digital connectivity is gaining strategic importance.

SUBSEA CABLES CONNECTING EUROPE, THE GULF & ONWARD TO ASIA & AFRICA



- Key landing points
- Major cable corridor
- 1 Pakistan & East Africa Connecting Europe (PEACE) 2022, 25,000 km France-Singapore
- 2 2Africa 2024, 45,000 km Spain-UK
- 3 Blue - Raman 2023, 5,055 km plan 2026, 7,376 km France-Jordan-India
- 4
- 5 SeaMeWe-5 2016, 20,000 km France-Singapore
- 6 Asia Africa Europe-1 2017, 25,000 km France-China
- 7 SeaMeWe-6 plan 2026, 21,700 km France-Singapore

(Source of data: TeleGeography, Submarine Cable Map)
Note: Only selected major cables and landing points shown; network simplified for readability.

CLOUD & DATA CENTRES ACROSS THE GCC

The GCC is emerging as a regional hub for cloud services, with most cloud regions and access points concentrated in Saudi Arabia and the UAE.



CLOUD REGIONS & ON-RAMPS BY COUNTRY

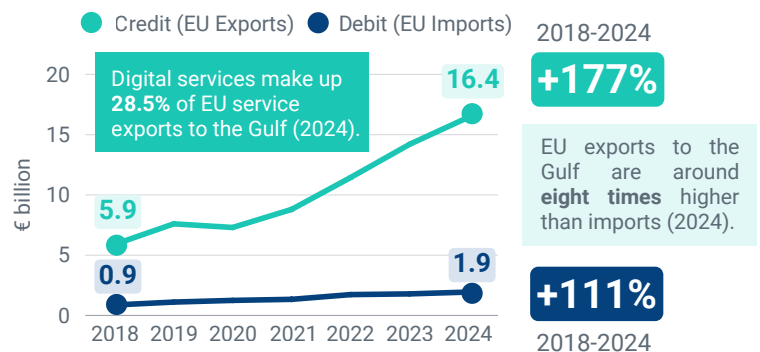
Global cloud providers are expanding cloud infrastructure across the GCC, supported by national strategies:

Company /Country	Alibaba	Amazon	Microsoft	Google	Huawei	Oracle	Tencent
Bahrain	-	●▲	-	-	-	-	-
Oman	-	▲	-	-	-	-	-
Qatar	-	-	●▲	●▲	-	-	-
KSA	●	●	●	●▲	●▲	●▲	●
UAE	●	●▲	●▲	-	-	●▲	-

(TeleGeography, Cloud Infrastructure Map)

EU-GCC TRADE IN DIGITAL SERVICES

Enabled by improved digital corridors:



(Eurostat, bop_its6_det, Telecommunications, computer, and information services)

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

- Diversified data routes beyond traditional chokepoints
- Greater digital sovereignty, resilience and network security
- The GCC as a geopolitical and economic bridge between Europe, Asia, and Africa

Key domains shaped by the digital corridors:

- **Government & Sovereign Cloud:** Secure digital public services
- **Energy & Industry:** Smart energy systems & industrial data
- **AI & Computing:** Training, advanced computing & data analytics



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