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# MONACO UNVEILS ITS SOVEREIGN CLOUD CORNER STONE OF EXTENDED MONACO PROJECT

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**USPA NEWS** - The COVID-19 crisis has been revealing of the importance and power of the digital transformation underway, accelerate and amplify the digital transition of the Principality. In this context, the Prince's Government of Monaco wishes are expressed, over the « Extended Monaco » during a press brief (11sept 20). Frederic Genta, interministerial Delegate in charge of the digital transition of the Principality of Monaco and Genevieve Berti Government press secretary of Monaco, unveil the key measures of the digital plan during a brief press at at the historical and beautiful « La Maison des Oceans », 195 Rue Saint Jacques Paris 5th which is the property of the Principality of Monaco. This is to enlighten the press on the "Expanded Monaco" project "to contribute to the revival of our economy, the continuity of the State and the transformation of our public service "according to the representatives of the Principality of Monaco.

## SOVEREIGN CLOUD IS THE CORNER STONE OF EXTENDED MONACO PROJECT WISHED BY THE PRINCE OF MONACO-----

Genevieve Berti Government press secretary of Monaco, introduced the topic of this very cozy press brief (Only 4 Journalists from Press Agencies) gives a short overview about how Monaco has really entered into force when it comes to the digital in Monaco, under the slogan Expanded Monaco, wished by the Prince of Monaco himself: "Two days ago, the Prince came to Monaco for the " Extending Monaco "[?], which is the cornerstone of our Monaco public policy. Even if the crisis would have passed by, but we must remember one thing, digital technology, has made our society alive. In Monaco, digital technology has made it possible to save jobs, thanks to online procedures, money transfers, reductions in time and financial delays "She adds confident" So that proves that the intuition was right. A tele-procedure now exists, and we will not go back. There are 38,000 inhabitants in Monaco, including 9,400 Monegasques and the country's operating budget is € 950 M to make a country work. It's country-wide, with a 4% share of the digital budget.-----

The foundations are solid foundations on infrastructure, and since July 9, 2020, 5 G has been deployed along with fiber, and the Sovereign Cloud, meanwhile, is the culmination of the start of Digital Extending in Monaco. "Explains, with supporting figures, Genevieve Berti, Government press secretary of Monaco.

## SMART CITY PROJECTS AND IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE THANKS TO DIGITAL-----

In a context of COVID-19 outbreak, which affects almost all countries in the world Monaco is not spared so far, hence a recovery plan, which follows the period of confinement, which lasted from March 17 to 4 May 2020. "The central axis of economic recovery is through the Cloud to be done, to reinvent itself, according to MIT, a company advances by 10% versus a company and with a 5% margin increased if it goes digital.

## MONACO WILL BE THE 1ST COUNTRY WITH SOVEREIGN CLOUD IN EUROPE-----

Frederic Genta, Interministerial Delegate explains to us his role and Monaco perspectives in terms of digital "The Smart city will be built under the aegis of the government and the delegation is made up of 200 people, of which I am part of the government and I report to the Prime Minister. I make sure that the ecosystem and the networks and legal frameworks evolve. "[?]He continues on the digital strike force in Monaco and its impact on education:" A student in Monaco between 3 and 6 p.m. does programming, in public system, the only country in the world to do this. »He explains. Furthermore, Frederic Genta, adds that "There was COVID-19, digital, is essential because it is a cornerstone to create a high quality of life, with resilience, if the country suffers again a test. . Because it was a success. "

He ends on the deployment of fiber and explains the storage power of the Sovereign Cloud:"The network, and the fiber that will be finalized, and storage power under the Sovereign cloud.-----

Monaco in 2021, will be the 1st country with Sovereign Cloud in Europe. " He confirms that: Amazon Services with Monaco Cloud and data are Monegasques and technologies, WS, er will be operational in 2021, distributes to companies. And will allow AI (Artificial Intelligence) in Monaco to have storage resources.We are not mortgaging the principality. Digital infrastructures are often for large countries we have had the agility, and facilitates means. » Concluded very confident, Frederic Genta about the Sovereign Cloud, a unique specificity because specific to the Principality of Monaco, which could be emulated.

## WE ARE GOING TO LAUNCH A € 20M BLUE FUND IS THE MOST AMBITIOUS RECOVERY PLAN-----

We are going to launch the most ambitious €20M recovery plan, explains Frederic Genta, Interministerial Delegate in charge of the digital transition of the Principality of Monaco. The Blue fund of €20 M , that's 500 € per person, the most ambitious recovery plan. In this recovery plan, 1/4 of the budget will be dedicated to telecoms.

"We want to attract foreign companies, based on 5 G. We signed with Immobilier for Real Estate Stake and a future innovation platform, with Tokeni-Ronex. » Frederic Genta is argumentative by laying out a concrete example of a cinema project, that of the great filmmaker, Luc Jacquet who will go from director to producer, (Director of the documentary film "the March of the Emperor"[?]), will be a user of this platform, "The condition is to settle in Monaco to benefit from the platform. Tokens, have a base price, which give rights, on a billboard market, not regulated by AMF (Zone Blanche), in terms of regulation, it is voluntary, from 1 year to half a year. There is a real demand for the link with realistic projects. » Explains Frederic Genta, Interministerial Delegate. The interministerial delegate, Frederic Genta, pleads for the dematerialization of the educational system in the Principality of Monaco: All the teachers are teams in tablets, and all the books and notebooks will be dematerialized, and monitor the lessons and reduce the education gap and finally enable resilience, especially through distance education.

He adds that "One year later we accelerated with two objectives, which are economic growth, with resilience and quality and put ambitious means with the digital front and the cloud, to attract companies. Thanks to the GAFAs, and in particular, Amazon web services which is our partner for the cloud, because the technologist and we work with all the GAFAs "[?] thus answers Frederic Genta to our question about the handing of the GAFA to this Sovereignty project. Cloud.-----

Frederic Genta, finished answering the GAFA question, wanting to be reassuring: "Theresa Carson the VP of Amazon, as well as our lawyers, assure us that the cloud is sovereign. The power and its agility explain why it is necessary to lean on Amazon, which is world leader. In addition, it will allow a 50% reduction in energy, and not to mention the provision of quality service to investors and cooling in Monaco for this powerful technology. Amazon wants to prove the capacity of the smart city. Amazon is bringing in servers and will have 0% of the structure, just one provider. "

## WHAT IS SOVEREIGN CLOUD?-----

Frederic Genta answers this question about the definition of the Sovereign Cloud and its limitations "A cloud where the data are under the law and the district," The technology and data and under the control of the State. It takes 120 m in space, given the distances of the embassy between Luxembourg, there is a room where the sovereign data is located in Luxembourg and with a treaty that will be ratified, by Luxembourg. It is the only country in Europe that offers this, "replied the Secretary of State for Digital of the Principality of Monaco. He then completes about the installation of a gigantic memory space which is located at the Luxembourg Embassy, "« "The 5 G after a year, it is live, and is already operational in the Principality of Monaco. This summer it was already experimental, and it attracted companies, like Visua, it is an economic advantage.

the operator is Monaco Telecom, of which the State owns 40% the remainder by Xavier Niel (CEO of Free), 51% has already deployed 5G to around 100 subscribers. " He adds that "for other uses: wifi, with 7 to 8 million foreign tourists, and we want wifi to be accessible and free for all. However, to achieve this goal, the 5 G allowed this without installing fiber everywhere Frederic Genta praises the merits of the first public utility applications: "Firefighters, the drone is coming quickly in 5G. The 5G can have priority accesses as for the hospital or the fire brigade. »

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