

DevOpsCon Munich 2026

Why we shouldn't skip this edition

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In short

This is the edition where agentic AI stops being a side experiment and becomes part of the platform. DevOpsCon Munich 2026 opens with a dedicated **AI Platform Engineering Day**— and the question that runs through the whole conference, that has become a boardroom issue across Europe, is **digital sovereignty**.

For me: After DevOpsCon, I'll come back with a concrete, governed playbook for integrating AI agents into our delivery pipeline and platform safely. The conference will also give me a clear picture of how to reduce our dependence on US hyperscalers.

For the team: We'll adopt agentic DevOps deliberately, capturing the speed gains without the security, cloud-cost and compliance risks (EU Cyber Resilience Act) that hit teams who bolt AI onto unfinished automation.

The ask: I'd like to attend, and I'm asking for approval of the ticket, travel and accommodation.

Topics: Besides the AI Platform Engineering Day, the conference covers:

- Digital sovereignty — independence from US hyperscalers, aligned with EU regulation.
- AI agents as a security risk and the guardrails required to control them.
- Delivery and operations in the AI age — CI/CD, Kubernetes, observability.

What the Team Gets from It

The value doesn't stay at the conference — it comes back into the team:

- A prioritized recap mapped to our pipelines, platform and clusters.
- An internal tech talk that passes the agent-safety, sovereignty and governance patterns to the whole team.
- A shared “agentic DevOps” adoption plan: sandbox → shadow → gated.
- **Session recordings:** available for months afterward — to reference whenever a project needs them.

The Program

Four themes run through the program — each a live question in day-to-day DevOps. *Each section opens with why it matters now, then the sessions that answer it.*

1 AI Platform Engineering Day: From AI Features to an AI-Native Platform

The conference opens with a full day on the AI-native platform. The shift: from “adding AI features” to running platforms where humans and agents work as first-class, governed participants — with the right operating model. That's exactly the decision in front of us.

After the opening, *The End of DevOps? Why Platform Engineering Is Eating the World* takes on the next stage beyond DevOps; *AI for Developers Has an Operating Model Problem* shows why handing out Copilot access alone

isn't an operating model. *The Future of Platform Engineering: Can AI Reshape Developer Productivity?* and *Forget the Portal: Designing Headless, Intent-Driven Developer Platforms* sketch the next IDP generation, where agents query machine-readable context instead of clicking through portals. A roundtable pulls together governance and responsible scaling.

Bottom line: *organize the platform fundamentals first and agents buy you speed; skip them and you've only relocated the complexity. It will surface in production.*

2 Digital Sovereignty: Independence from US Hyperscalers

Geopolitics and EU regulation have made digital sovereignty a boardroom question in 2026. These sessions show concretely how sovereignty is achieved technically — without rebuilding the stack:

Session	What it shows
Successful Digital Sovereignty with Kubernetes	What sovereignty really means — and how to implement it on Kubernetes.
Migration into a Sovereign European Cloud	A real migration away fromUS hyperscalers — the motives, the pitfalls and the approach.
Platform Engineering Your Way to Sovereignty	Multi-source providers without rebuilding the stack — negotiating power instead of lock-in.
Data Sovereignty — What It Really Means	Not just storage location: where data is processed and who can access it.

Bottom line: *no lock-in means negotiating power — and one less regulatory risk.*

3 AI Agents as a Security Risk: DevSecOps and EU Regulation

Every AI agent and every MCP server widens the attack surface— and with the EU Cyber Resilience Act, secure delivery becomes mandatory, not optional. These sessions show the necessary guardrails:

Session	What it shows
Secretless AI — Deploy AI Agents Without Exposing Your Secrets	Securing autonomous systems across clouds and tools without exposing secrets.
Four Green Ticks, Yet Still Hacked: Threat Modeling for AI Agents	How prompt injection via an agent's context exfiltrates data— and how to model it.
Secure Intelligence: OWASP Top Ten(s) for AI	The OWASP lists for LLMs and AI— the newly prioritized risks.
How the EU Cyber Resilience Act Will Impact Your SDLC	What the CRA makes concretely mandatory across our software lifecycle.

Bottom line: *a single avoidable incident (or one CRA violation) outweighs the cost of attending many times over.*

4 Delivery and Operations in the AI Age: CI/CD, Kubernetes, Observability

AI generates more change, faster, which shifts the bottleneck to delivery, operations, and cost. These sessions keep the pace under control:

Session	What it shows
“No, We Can’t Do CD in This AI Age” (Keynote)	Why continuous delivery still fails — and the (wrong) excuses in the AI age.
From Opinions to Evidence: DORA Metrics with Statistical Process Control	Steer delivery with data, not gut feeling — evaluate quality gates rigorously.
Optimizing Kubernetes for Performance and Cost	Autoscaling and rightsizing for HTTP and AI workloads — cost down, performance up.
From Expensive to Efficient: Zero-Latency OSS Observability Pipeline	Fully open-source observability instead of costly platforms as data volumes explode.

Bottom line: *more speed only pays off if delivery, operations and observability keep pace — otherwise velocity is just rollbacks and a bigger cloud bill.*

Also on the program: hands-on bootcamps on platform engineering and service mesh (Istio Ambient), Terraform in an agent-driven world, MCPops, DORA culture and psychological safety, plus the keynote “AI Literacy for Developers” — room to go deeper where it counts.

Sources

All sessions are from the DevOpsCon Munich 2026 program (November 30 – December 4, 2026, Munich):

- Welcome & Opening Keynote of DevOpsCon Munich 2026
- Opening of the AI Platform Engineering Day
- The End of DevOps? Why Platform Engineering Is Eating the World
- AI for Developers Has an Operating Model Problem
- The Future of Platform Engineering: Can AI Reshape Developer Productivity?
- Forget the Portal: Designing Headless, Intent-Driven Developer Platforms
- Roundtable Discussion at the AI Platform Engineering Day
- Successful Digital Sovereignty with Kubernetes
- That’s One Small Step... Migration into a Sovereign European Cloud
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