Press Release

AUSTRIACARD Unveils GaiaB™ AI OS at Web Summit Lisbon and Announces Partnership with Axelera AI to Advance European Sovereign AI

GaiaB™ Sovereign Enterprise AI platform available as an appliance, as a service from a European sovereign cloud or as a custom deployment; partnership with Axelera AI extends sovereignty to the compute layer; the two companies will present together on stage at Web Summit on 10 November

Lisbon, 10 November 2026 – **AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS** today unveils **GaiaB™ AI Operating System (OS)** at **Web Summit Lisbon**. GaiaB™ AI OS is the AI operating system at the core of **GaiaB™**, AUSTRIACARD's Sovereign Enterprise AI platform, designed for enterprises and public-sector organisations. It gives organisations control over where their AI runs and how their data, models and agents are governed.

GaiaB™ combines an Agentic Environment, where users build and run AI agents, workflows and knowledge bases, with GaiaB™ AI OS, which manages models, agents and tools and provides enterprise governance, security, policies and auditability across the AI lifecycle. The GaiaB™ platform can be deployed in three ways: A) as a GaiaB™ Appliance, available in four configurations, with AUSTRIACARD providing both hardware and software; B) as GaiaB™ as a Service, hosted in AUSTRIACARD's own European sovereign cloud; or C) as a custom deployment on the customer's own infrastructure, including on-premises, private and air-gapped environments. With the appliance and custom deployments, AI workloads run on dedicated infrastructure without third-party per-token API fees and with **predictable, infrastructure-based costs**.

AUSTRIACARD also announces a **strategic partnership with Axelera AI**, formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Under the MoU, AUSTRIACARD will explore integrating its next-generation **Europa™ AI Processing Unit (AIPU)** into future GaiaB™ infrastructure, including GaiaB™ Appliances. Designed in Europe and trusted by global customers, Axelera technology delivers high-performance and energy-efficient AI inference. Europa™ would complement GaiaB™'s existing compute options and extend its sovereignty from the software and data layers to the compute layer. AUSTRIACARD and Axelera AI will present the partnership **together on stage at Web Summit Lisbon on 10 November.**

Together, these steps advance AUSTRIACARD's vision for a European sovereign AI stack. Organisations decide where their data resides, which models they use, how their AI agents operate and, increasingly, which compute technologies run their workloads. Because GaiaB™ AI OS abstracts the underlying hardware, organisations can adopt new models and processors without rebuilding their AI environment around a single vendor.

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Spyros Sakellariou, Group AI & Data Analytics Director, AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS, said:

"With GaiaB™, we are introducing more than an AI appliance. We are launching a Sovereign Enterprise AI platform that combines an Agentic Environment with GaiaB™ AI OS, giving organisations control over their AI models, applications, agents and infrastructure. Our partnership with Axelera AI takes this vision a step further, extending sovereignty towards the compute layer and bringing European innovation into the GaiaB™ ecosystem. We believe the future of enterprise AI must combine technological independence, operational control and predictable economics."

Jean Vieville, Head of Business Development, Axelera AI, said:

"AI sovereignty goes beyond data ownership and software. It also requires control over the underlying compute infrastructure. Our partnership with AUSTRIACARD is an important step towards building a truly European AI ecosystem, combining GaiaB™'s enterprise AI platform with Axelera's high-performance, energy-efficient inference technology. Together, we aim to make sovereign AI more accessible, scalable and economically viable for enterprises and public-sector organisations, without compromising performance or technological independence."

GaiaB™ at Web Summit Lisbon

AUSTRIACARD will take part in Web Summit Lisbon 2026 with two GaiaB™ sessions, the first jointly with Axelera AI:

10 November, 16:20, Corporate Innovation Stage (Stage 7): Spyros Sakellariou, Group AI & Data Analytics Director, AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS, and Jean Vieville, Head of Business Development Axelera AI, present "The Token Trap: Precision Over Power" together on stage (15 minutes).

11 November, 11:25, Masterclass (Pavilion 1 Entrance (Masterclass 3): Christos Rizos, Group Business Development Director, AI & Digital, AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS, leads "AI Sovereignty: Data Control, Governance and Predictable AI Costs" (45 minutes).

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ABOUT AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG

AUSTRIACARD HOLDINGS AG leverages over 130 years of experience in information management, printing, and communications to deliver secure and transparent experiences for its customers. They offer a comprehensive suite of products and services, including payment solutions, identification solutions, smart cards, card personalization, digitization solutions, and secure data management. ACAG employs a global workforce of 2,360 people.

ABOUT AXELERA AI

Axelera AI is the leading European AI semiconductor company developing next-generation AI acceleration hardware for edge computing and data center applications. With an efficiency-first architecture that

addresses AI's critical energy and cooling constraints, Axelera AI has deployed across more than 600 customers including in telecommunications, aerospace, and enterprise sectors. The company's Metis, Europa and Titania architecture-based platforms deliver high-performance AI inference solutions that enable deployment at scale within real-world power and thermal budgets. Through its Partner Accelerator Network and Voyager SDK, Axelera AI provides a comprehensive ecosystem approach that ensures accessibility and rapid deployment.

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