



Azure DR Deployment



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For this scenario we will start by creating two resource groups (rg) "MAIN AKS" and "DR AKS"

☐ [iii] DR_AKS	Pay-As-You-Go	North Europe
MAIN_AKS	Pay-As-You-Go	West Europe

MAIN_AKS - will be deployed in West Europe

DR AKS - will be deployed in North Europe

The two zones have direct connections in Azure Public Cloud and therefore is recommended that these zone to be used in this scenarios.

i For more zones that are directly connected please check Azure official documentation.

Next all resources that will be deployed in one of the rg we will specify the location of the resource to match the location of the rg.

In each rg we will deploy one Virtual Network . In this example those are named mainAKS_vnet and drAKS-vnet.

Adress space for each vNet will be as follow:

mainAKS_vnet: 10.0.0.0/16 drAKS_vnet: 10.1.0.0/16

In each vNet we will create 3 subnet's

Example:

aksMAIN_subnet	10.0.0.0/18
agw-subnet	10.0.67.0/24
main_default_subnet	10.0.64.0/24

(i) Change the name of the subnet and adress-space according to the vnet.

Example:





IPv4 ↑↓

10.1.0.0/18

10.1.64.0/24

10.1.67.0/24

IPv6 ↑↓

Search subnets

dr_default_subnet

agw-subnet

Name ↑↓
aksDR_subnet

Available IPs ↑↓	Delegated to $\uparrow \downarrow$	Security <u>c</u>
more than 10000	-	-

availability dependent on dyna... -





1 Azure AKS Deployment

In each rg we will deploy one Azure Kubernetes Service(AKS) and as example we can use as bellow images:

The configuration must be similar in both zones. Create Kubernetes cluster Resource group * ① MAIN_AKS Create new Cluster details Preset configuration Hardened access Quickly customize your cluster by choosing the preset configuration applicable to your scenario. Depending on the selection, values of certain fields might change in different tabs. You can modify these values at any time. View all preset configurations aks-Example Kubernetes cluster name * ① Region * ① (Europe) West Europe Availability zones ① Zones 1,2,3 🚣 High availability is recommended for hardened access configuration. 1.20.9 (default) Kubernetes version * ① Primary node pool The number and size of nodes in the primary node pool in your cluster. For production workloads, at least 3 nodes are recommended for resiliency. For development or test workloads, only one node is required. If you would like to add additional node pools or to see additional configuration options for this node pool, go to the 'Node pools' tab above. You will be able to add additional node pools after creating your cluster. Learn more about node pools in Azure Kubernetes Service Node size * ① Standard D4s v3 4 vcpus, 16 GiB memory 🚨 Standard D4s_v3 is recommended for hardened access configuration. Change size Node hardware size can be changed here. Depends by the cluster size Manual Scale method * ① Autoscale 🚣 Autoscaling is recommended for hardened access configuration.

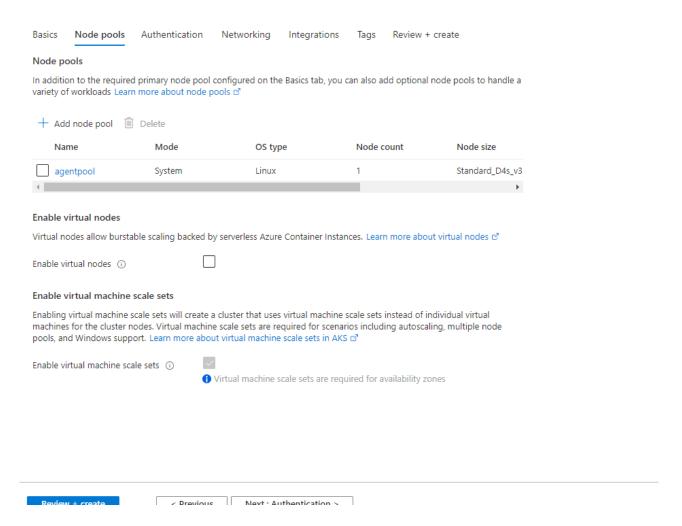


Node count * ①





Create Kubernetes cluster









Create Kubernetes cluster

Basics	Node pools	Authentication	Networking	Integrations	Tags	Review + create	
The clust			cified is used by Az ipal ♂ or a system-			manage cloud resources attached ਾ ਫਾ.	to
Authenti	cation method	(Service principa	al 💿 System-a	ssigned m	nanaged identity	
Authenti	cation and author					s to the cluster as well as what the	
Role-bas	ed access control	(RBAC) ①	Enabled	Disabled			
AKS-mar	naged Azure Activ	re Directory ①					
By defau supply y	our own keys usin	are encrypted at i g a disk encryptio		Azure Key Vault.		nal control over encryption, you ca ncryption set will be used to	ın
Encryptic	on type		(Default) Encryption	on at-rest with a p	latform-m	nanaged key	,







Create Kupernetes cluster

Basics	Node pools	Authentication	Networking	Integrations	Tags	Review + create
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You can change networking settings for your cluster, including enabling HTTP application routing and configuring your network using either the 'Kubenet' or 'Azure CNI' options:

- The **kubenet** networking plug-in creates a new VNet for your cluster using default values.
- The Azure CNI networking plug-in allows clusters to use a new or existing VNet with customizable addresses.
 Application pods are connected directly to the VNet, which allows for native integration with VNet features.

Learn more about networking in Azure Kubernetes Service

Network configuration (i)	() Kubenet	
	Azure CNI	
	1) The Azure CNI plugin requires an IP address from the subnet bel pod on a node, which can more quickly exhaust available IP address value is set for pods per node. Consider modifying the default value per node for each node pool on the "Node pools" tab. Learn mo	resses if a high alues for pods
Virtual network * ①	drAKS_vnet	~
	Create new	
Cluster subnet * (i)	aksDR_subnet (10.1.0.0/18)	~
	Manage subnet configuration	
Kubernetes service address range * ①	172.16.0.0/16	~
Kubernetes DNS service IP address * ①	172.16.0.10	~
Docker Bridge address * ①	172.17.0.1/16	~
DNS name prefix * ①	test-dns	~
Traffic routing		
Load balancer ①	Standard	





Traffic routing	
Load balancer ③	Standard
Enable HTTP application routing ①	
Security	
Enable private cluster ①	Optional depending on the client request Private cluster is recommended for hardened access configuration.
Set authorized IP ranges ①	API server authorized IP address ranges are not supported for private clusters
Network policy ①	None Calico Azure







Basics Node pools Authentication Networking Integrations Review + create Tags Connect your AKS cluster with additional services. Azure Container Registry Connect your cluster to an Azure Container Registry to enable seamless deployments from a private image registry. You can create a new registry or choose one you already have. Learn more about Azure Container Registry of Container registry None Create new Azure Monitor In addition to the CPU and memory metrics included in AKS by default, you can enable Container Insights for more comprehensive data on the overall performance and health of your cluster. Billing is based on data ingestion and retention Learn more about container performance and health monitoring Learn more about pricing Enabled Disabled Container monitoring 🚣 Azure monitor is recommended for hardened access configuration. Log Analytics workspace ① DefaultWorkspace-0bd92361-15b3-4357-bf25-47f677e4063b-WEU Create new Azure Policy Apply at-scale enforcements and safeguards for AKS clusters in a centralized, consistent manner through Azure Policy. Learn more about Azure Policy for AKS ♂

📤 Azure policy is recommended for hardened access configuration.



Azure Policy

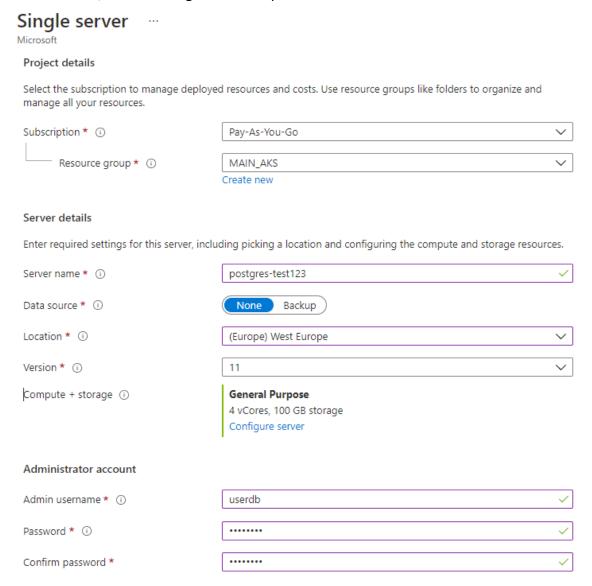




2 Azure Postgres Deployment

For postgres we will deploy "Azure Database for PostgreSQL" in **Single server** mode. This service will be deployed in the MAIN rg.

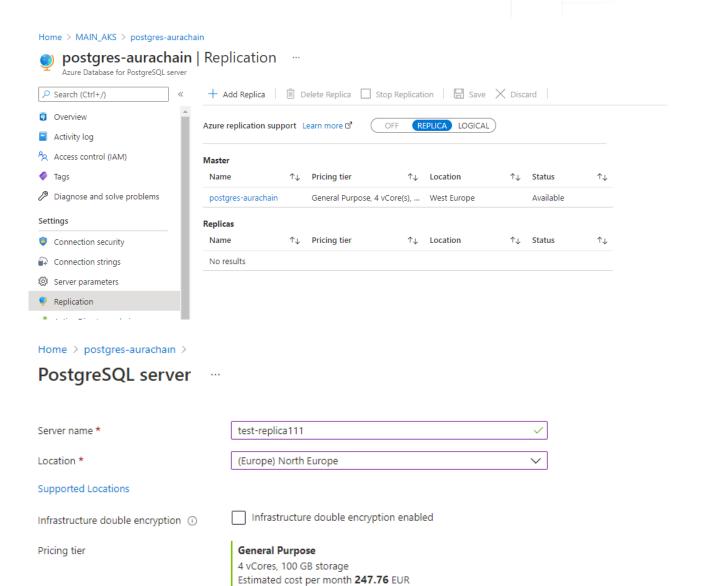
Hardware will be chosen by project specs but in this example we will chose General Purpose tier with 4vCores, 100GB storage and backup Geo-Redundant.



After the first instance is deployed at Replication settings we will add a new replica set in North Europe and after build process is finished we will move the replica from MAIN rg to DR rg.



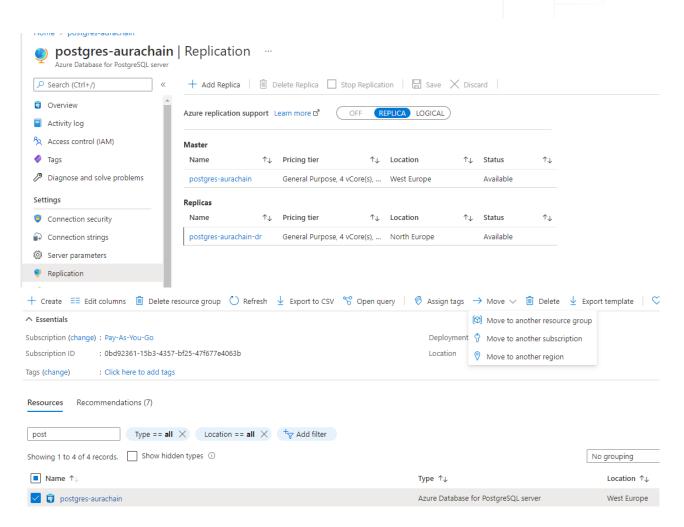




Example:







Also after both resources are deployed and moved to specific rg "Private endpoint connections" will be build . For guidance check Azure official documentation.

In order to create databases we will connect to the main instance (the second instance is only read-replica by default) from the jump server by using the user defined at setup.

Example:

psql "host=postgres-test-aurachain.postgres.database.azure.com port=5432
dbname=postgres user=dbuser@postgres-aurachain password=mystrongpass sslmode=require"







Because postgres service is build on windows servers we have to create databases manually and specify Windows specific ENCONDING, LC_TYPE etc

CREATE DATABASE <database_name> WITH ENCODING='utf8' OWNER=<owner_name> LC_COLLATE='E nglish_United States.1252' LC_CTYPE='English_United States.1252' CONNECTION LIMIT=-1;

in order to run "psql" commands please login to az cli and install necessary packages before following below example.



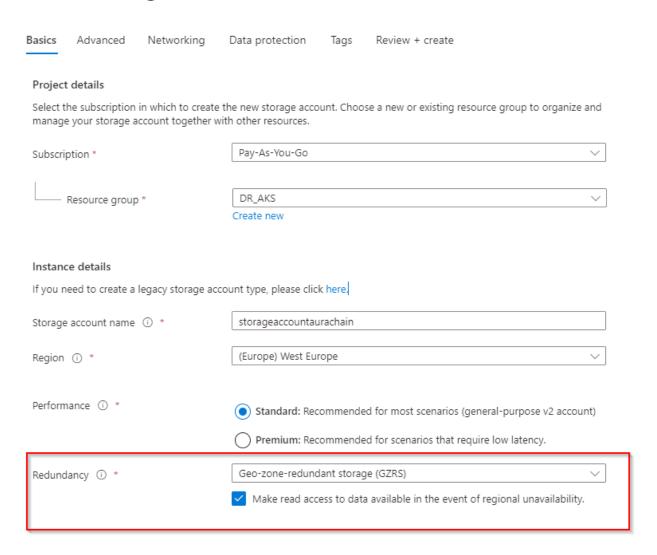




3 Azure Storage Account

Storage account resource will be deployed in to the MAIN rg and is mandatory to specify at the deployment GZRS redundancy to have a replica in North Europe.

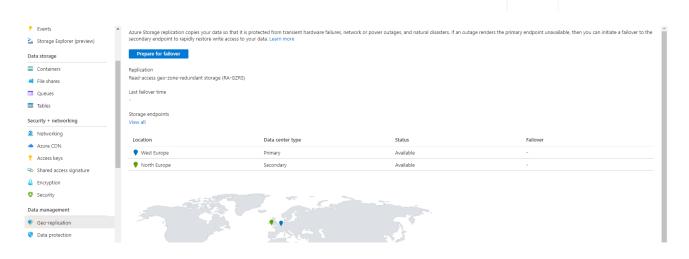
Create a storage account



After deployment is finished we can check the availability by going to Geo-replication settings. Both zones must appear *Available*







In order to connect storage account to AKS and to create PV and PVC we will use bellow guide.

The same setup must be performed in both AKS clusters!

- in this example our storage account is named "aurachainstorage" in the "MAIN_AKS" rg and the file share that will be created is named: "aurachain-storage-common"
- ⚠ Please check closely below example and change name/labels/spec's as per your setup!
- i In order to run "az" and "kubectl" commands please login and install necessary packages before perform this setup

```
az storage account show-connection-string -n aurachainstorage -g MAIN_AKS -o tsv export AZURE_STORAGE_CONNECTION_STRING=`az storage account show-connection-string -n aurachainstorage -g MAIN_AKS -o tsv` az storage share create -n aurachain-storage-common --connection-string $AZURE_STORAGE_CONNECTION_STRING
STORAGE_KEY=$(az storage account keys list --resource-group MAIN_AKS --account-name aurachainstorage --query "[0].value" -o tsv) kubectl create secret generic azure-secret-storageaccount --from-literal=azurestorageaccounthame=aurachainstorage --from-literal=azurestorageaccountkey=$STORAGE_KEY
```

Next we will use yaml files in order to create PV and PVC in desired namespace





```
cat pv-azure-create.yaml
apiVersion: v1
kind: PersistentVolume
metadata:
 name: aurachain-storage-prod-pv
  # The label is used for matching the exact claim
    usage: aurachain-storage-pv
spec:
 capacity:
    storage: 100Gi
 accessModes:
    - ReadWriteMany
 persistentVolumeReclaimPolicy: Retain
 azureFile:
    # Replace with your secret name
    secretName: azure-secret-storageaccount
    # Replace with correct storage share name
    shareName: aurachain-storage-common
    # In case the secret is stored in a different namespace
    #secretNamespace: default
    readOnly: false
```

```
kind: PersistentVolumeClaim
apiVersion: v1
metadata:
   name: common-storage
   namespace: aurachain-prod
   # Set this annotation to NOT let Kubernetes automatically create
   # a persistent volume for this volume claim.
   annotations:
    volume.beta.kubernetes.io/storage-class: ""
spec:
   accessModes:
```





- ReadWriteMany

resources: requests:

storage: 100Gi

selector:

To make sure we match the claim with the exact volume, match the label

matchLabels:

usage: aurachain-storage-pv

kubectl apply -f pv-azure-create.yaml
kubectl apply -f pvc-azure-create.yaml

root@jump-main:~# kubectl get pvc,pv -n aurachain-prod

NAME STATUS VOLUME CAPACITY

ACCESS MODES STORAGECLASS AGE

persistentvolumeclaim/common-storage Bound aurachain-storage-prod-pv 100Gi

RWX 3d4h

NAME CAPACITY ACCESS MODES RECLAIM
POLICY STATUS CLAIM STORAGECLASS REASON AGE

persistentvolume/aurachain-storage-prod-pv 100Gi RWX Retain

ound aurachain-prod/common-storage 3d4h







4 Azure VM deployment and ASR setup

Jump Machine:

In DR scenario we will install one vm per rg.

Jump vm will be used to run commands like: kubectl, az cli, psql, helm etc and also to manage and access all other resources that are in vnet and/or rg.



For each type of command we need to install specified packages and all the necessary

At the deployment we will specify that internal network to be in defaul subnet, and also we need to create a public ip address that will be used for external access via ssh.



For security reason is important to secure access to jump (users, passcode, ssh keys, network security etc)

ELK stack:

In MAIN rg we will create one vm per each component all vm's will have one internal network in default subnet.

The installing of ELK services will be performed according to specified documentation.

For rg DR we don't need to create ELK vm's because ASR(Azure site recovery) and/or Backup services from Azure cloud will cover this aspect.

Monitoring:

In MAIN rg we will create one vm, the vm will have one internal network in default subnet.

The installing of specific monitorig services will be performed according to specified documentation.

For rg DR we don't need to create monitoring VM because ASR(Azure site recovery) and/or Backup services from Azure cloud will cover this aspect.

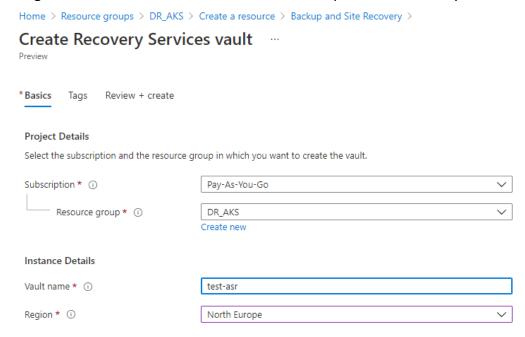
ASR(Azure site recovery) SETUP:







In rg **DR** we will create the resource called "Backup and Site Recovery"

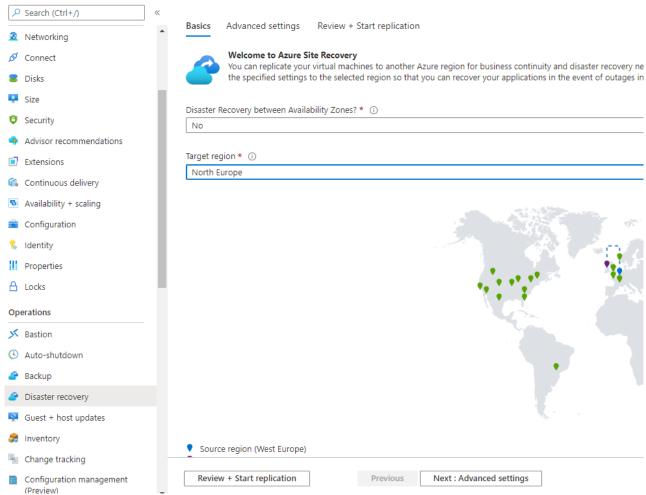


After the deployment on each vm that need to be protected we will create a disaster recovery job: Example:















Basics Advanced settings Review + Start replication

f Please select a PPG that is in the same availability zone as the chosen target availability zone.

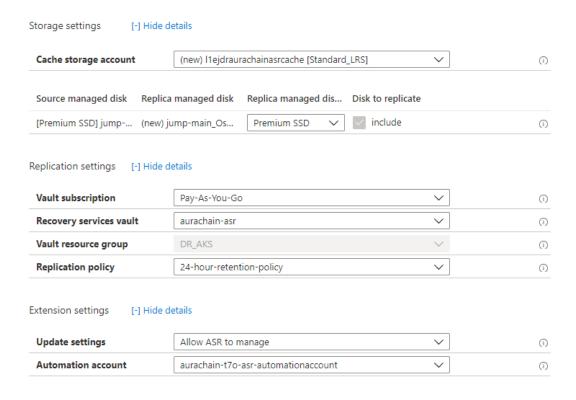
Target settings

General settings	Source	Target	Info
Subscription	Pay-As-You-Go	Pay-As-You-Go 🗸	(1)
VM resource group	MAIN_AKS	DR_AKS ~	<u></u>
Virtual network	mainAKS_vnet	drAKS_vnet ∨	0
Availability	Availability zone	Single instance Availability set Availability zone 1	0
Proximity placeme	Not Applicable	Select V	

Storage settings [+] Show details







i In Storage Settings we must select both disks; os and also data disk.

For more informations please check Azure official documentation:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/site-recovery/azure-to-azure-quickstart

Backup SETUP:

In order to configure Backup functionality in we need to deploy in rg **MAIN** "Backup and Site Recovery" resource.

After deployment we need to configure Backup jobs, and backup policies in each vm that we need to be protected.

For more informations please check Azure official documentation:

https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/backup/backup-azure-vms-first-look-arm https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/azure/backup/quick-backup-vm-portal







5 Azure Cosmos MongoDB

In rg MAIN we will create the resource named: "Azure Cosmos DB API for MongoDB"

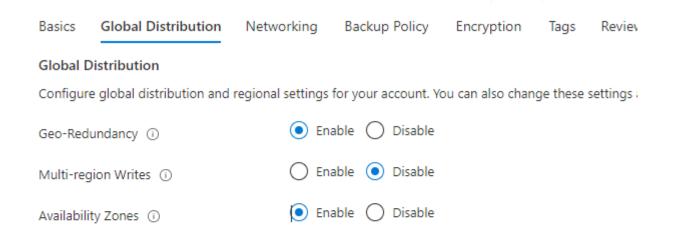
Create Azure Cosmos DB Account - Azure Cosmos DB API for MongoDB

Basics	Global Distribution	Networking	Backup Policy	Encryption	Tags	Review + create
Azure Co	smos DB is a fully manag	ed NoSQL datab	ase service for build	ding scalable, hig	h perforn	nance applications. Try it for free, for 30 days with
Project I	Details					
Select the	e subscription to manage	e deployed resour	ces and costs. Use	resource groups	like folde	rs to organize and manage all your resources.
Subscript	tion *	Pay-A	s-You-Go			
R	lesource Group *	MAIN Create	_			
Instance	Details					
Account	Name *	test-n	nongo1			
Location	*	(Euro	oe) West Europe			
Capacity	mode ③		ovisioned throughp	_	255	
With Azu	re Cosmos DB free tier, y	ou will get the fir	st 1000 RU/s and 2	5 GB of storage f	for free in	an account. You can enable free tier on up to or
The subs	cription you have selecte	d already has an	account with free ti	er enabled.		
Apply Fre	ee Tier Discount	○ Ap	ply Do Not A	pply		
Version		4.0				
(i) I	n order to cover	DR scenario	we will activ	ate Geo-Re	dunda	ncy functionality in this way we



will our data available in DR location.



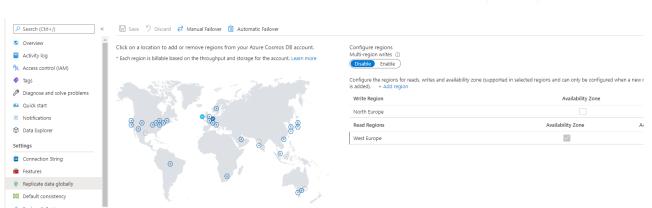




After the resource is successfully deployed you can check the status of the availability regions :

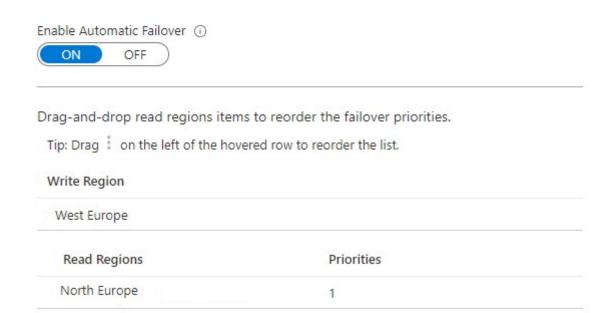






and also we need to enable Automatic Failover

Automatic Failover









6 Azure Application gateway

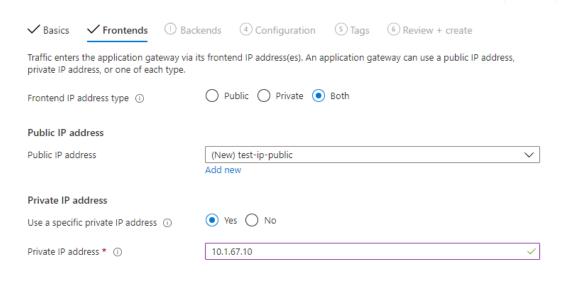
In order for this service to work properly is better to deploy it last.

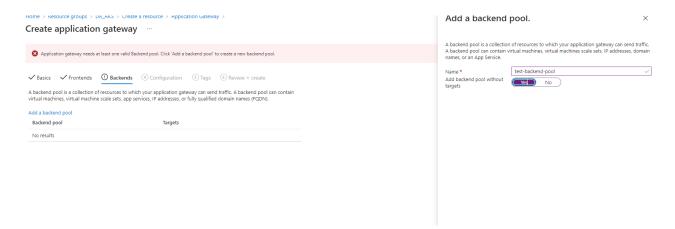
For deployment we will create in each rg/zone one instance of: "Application gateway". Each instance will have one public ip and one internal network. For internal network "agw-subnet" will be used.

your resources.	ployed resources and costs. Use resource groups like folders	to organize and manage all
Subscription * ①	Pay-As-You-Go	~
Resource group * ①	DR_AKS	~
	Create new	
Instance details		
Application gateway name *	test-agw	✓
Region *	North Europe	~
Tier i	Standard V2	~
Enable autoscaling	Yes No	
Instance count	1	✓
Availability zone ①	Zones 3	~
HTTP2 ①	Disabled Enabled	
Configure virtual network		
Virtual network * ①	drAKS_vnet	V
	Create new	
Subnet * ①	agw-subnet (10.1.67.0/24)	~
	Manage subnet configuration	
Previous Next : Frontends	>	





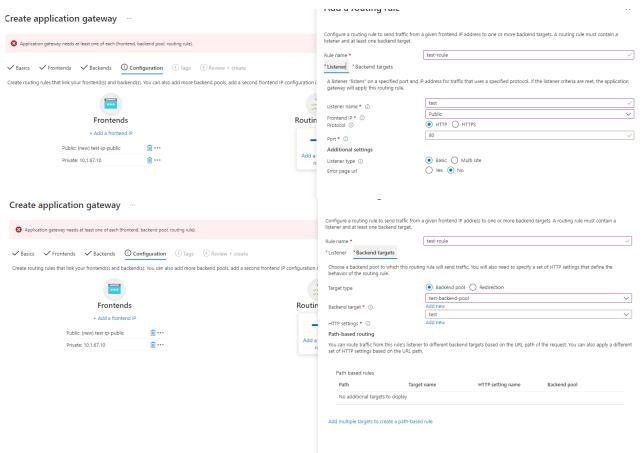




in order to finish deployment complete a dummy setup that will be erased later.







After the resource is successfully deployed we can do the configuration:

The order for setup is:

- 1. Backend Pools We define here the ip/hosts/fqdn of the services that we need to expose to internet
- 2. HTTP settings Defines the ports that the services from backend are listenting.
- 3. Listeners We define the ports that will be opened to the internet and also here we can set up certificates , timeout settings, cookies etc... .
- 4 Rules At this final test we are binding together all settings defined previous.

Examples:

Backend pools:







Edit backend pool

A backend pool is a collection of resources to which your application gateway can send traffic. A backend pool can contain virtual machines, virtual machines scale sets, IP addresses, domain names, or an App Service.

Name k8s-pool Add backend pool without targets Yes No

Backend targets

3 items

Target type	Target	
IP address or FQDN	10.1.0.4	<u> </u>
IP address or FQDN	10.1.0.115	<u> </u>
IP address or FQDN	10.1.0.226	<u> </u>
IP address or FQDN	V	

Associated rule

kubernetes-ingress

HTTP Settings:









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Add HTTP setting

HTTP settings name	
ingress-http	
Backend protocol HTTP HTTPS	
Backend port *	
31002	
Additional settings	
Cookie-based affinity ① Enable Disable	
Connection draining ① • Enable	
Drain timeout (seconds) ①	60
Request time-out (seconds) * ①	
300	~
Override backend path ①	
Host name	
By default, Application Gateway does not change the incoming HTTP host header from the client and sends the he unaltered to the backend. Multi-tenant services like App service or API management rely on a specific host header extension to resolve to the correct endpoint. Change these settings to overwrite the incoming HTTP host header.	
Override with new host name Yes No	

Listners:







+ Add listener 💍 Refresh

Application Gateway provides native support for WebSocket across all gateway sizes. There is no additional configuration required to enable or disable WebSocket support. If a WebSocket traffic is received on the Application Gateway, it is automatically directed to the WebSocket enabled backend server using the appropriate backend pool as specified in application gateway rules. Learn more about listeners and WebSocket support. C

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Name	Protocol	Port	Associated rule	Host name	
Is-https	HTTPS	443	kubernetes-ingress	> -	•••
Is-https-kibana	HTTPS	4000	kibana-https	> -	***
Is-https-grafana	HTTPS	3000	grafana-https	> -	***
ls-http	HTTP	80	redirect-http-to-https	> -	***
SSI Policy					

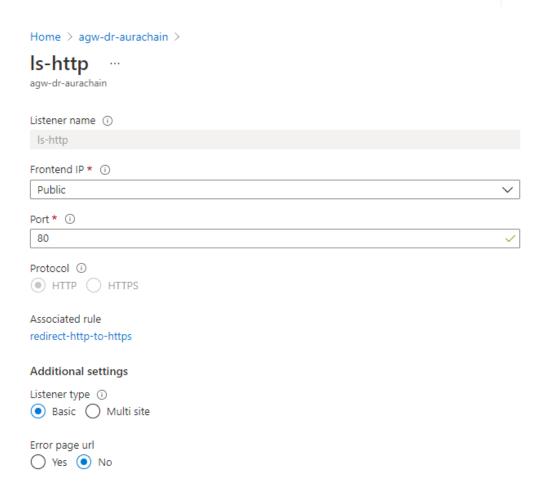
The SSL policy defines the SSL protocol version and available ciphers. Choose from one of the predefined policies or create a custom security policy to match your organizational security requirements. These policies apply to all HTTPS listeners unless they are overridden by listener specific SSL Policy under SSL settings. Learn more about SSL policy. et Selected SSL Policy

Default (change)

Is-https agw-dr-aurachain	
Listener name ①	
Is-https	
Frontend IP * ①	
Public	~
Port* ①	
443	
Protocol ① HTTP ③ HTTPS	
Choose a certificate Create new Select existing	
Certificate *	
aurachain	~
Renew or edit selected certificate	
Enable SSL Profile ①	
Associated rule	
kubernetes-ingress	
Additional settings Listener type ①	
Basic	
Error page url Yes No	





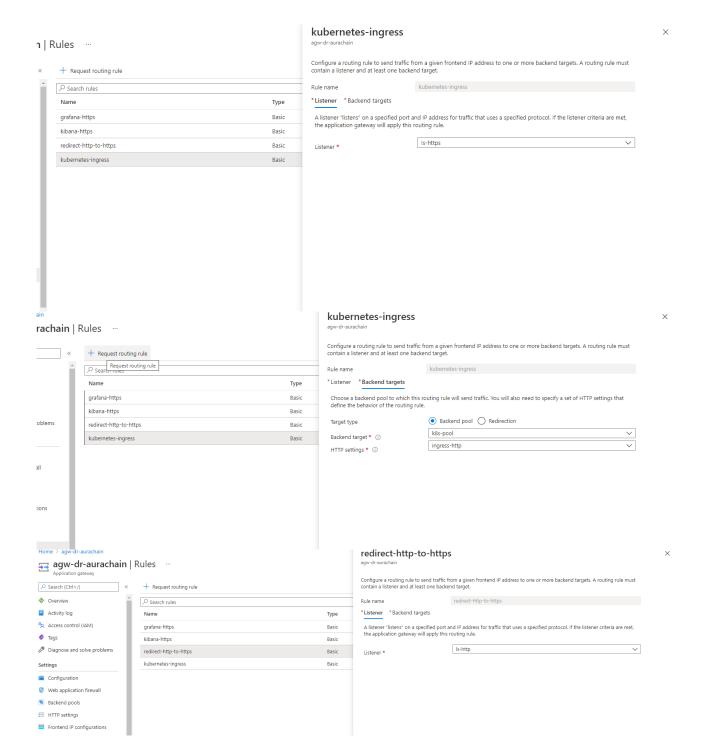


Rules:



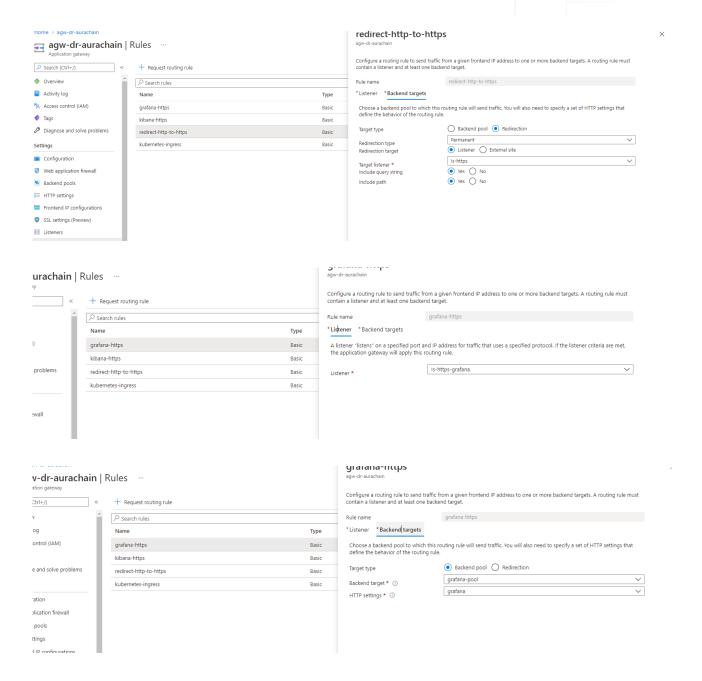








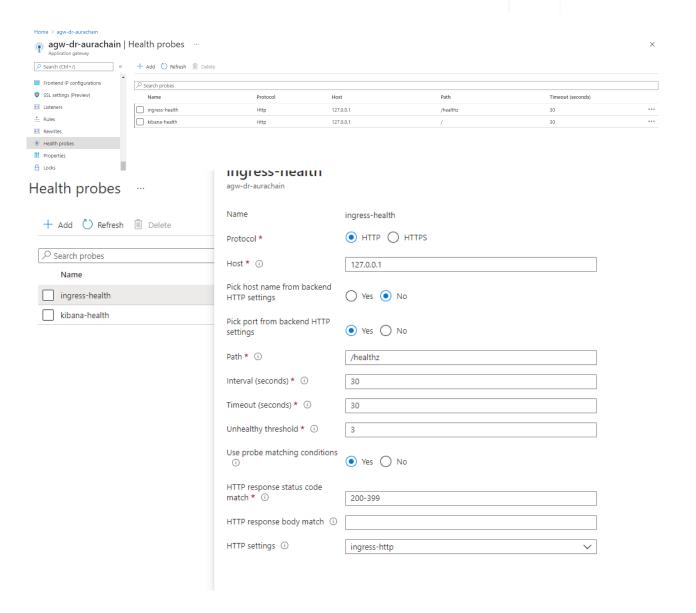




Additional we can create custom probes or health probes that will be added to HTTP settings:

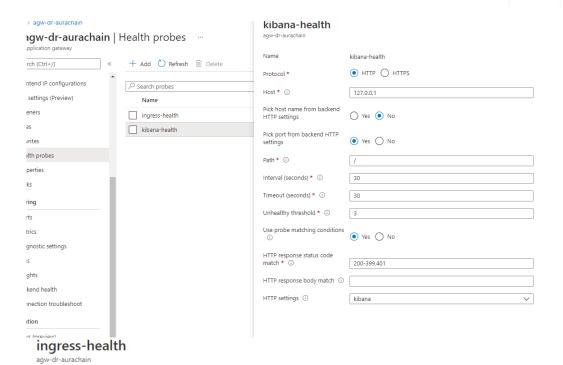












← Go back to probe

Backend pool	HTTP setting	Status	Details
∨k8s-pool	ingress-http	•	
10.1.0.115	ingress-http	Healthy	Success. Received 200 status code
10.1.0.226	ingress-http	Healthy	Success. Received 200 status code
10.1.0.4	ingress-http	Healthy	Success. Received 200 status code



×





Add HTTP setting

Additional settings	
Cookie-based affinity ①	
Enable Disable	
Connection draining ①	
Enable Disable	
Chable Consider	
Request time-out (seconds) * ①	
20	
Override backend path ①	
Host name	
By default, Application Gateway does not change the incoming HTTP host header from the client and sends the header unaltered to the backend. Multi-tenant services like App service or API management rely on a specific host header or SNI extension to resolve to the correct endpoint. Change these settings to overwrite the incoming HTTP host header.	
Override with new host name	
Yes No	
Host name override	
Pick host name from backend target	
Override with specific domain name	
e.g. contoso.com	
Use custom probe ①	
Yes No	
Custom probe *	_
kibana-health V	

i Do not forget to delete the dummy configuration build at the initial deployment.

