

MONTHLY AZURE COST REVIEW

Veltora

September 2026, 1 to 30 September

What your Azure estate cost in September, what changed, and six findings we suggest you act on. A cost engineer checks every finding, and your account manager approves the pack before it is sent.

€38,812

September cost, down 22.8% on August (€50,293). The September invoice was €41,891: see page 2.

€1,003 a month

One storage account holding 3 GB of logs. The first fix we suggest: page 3.

68% → 93%

Share of spend with an owning cost centre, if you approve the proposed owners: page 4.

In this pack

1. **September in one page:** what changed, what to act on, and how we checked it.
2. **The log storage account:** the cause, the fix and who owns it.
3. **Who owns September's cost:** spend by cost centre, with proposed owners marked.

Prepared by Your MSP for Veltora's finance and engineering leads. All amounts in euros. Cost data up to 6 October 2026. Questions: your account manager at Your MSP.

SUMMARY

September in one page

September's effective cost was €38,812, down €11,481 (22.8%) on August. The invoice was €41,891, because it includes commitment fees paid in advance.

How this pack is checked. A cost engineer reviewed 12 items: 11 findings and 1 proposed owner. 9 are here, 3 of them amended. 3 wait for more evidence. Your account manager approves the pack before it is sent.

Act on these. Amounts are a month unless stated; dates are proposed.

#	Finding	Amount	Next step and owner
1	A 3 GB log account costs more than the 24 TB exports account OPEN	€1,003 in September; ≈ €10 after the fix (estimate)	Application team, by 21 Oct. See page 3.
2	Three production app servers run under a fifth of capacity OPEN	≈ €874 to save if memory allows (estimate)	Platform engineering checks memory first; by 21 Oct.
3	Dev machine-learning GPUs bill between jobs OPEN	€834 in September; ≈ €771 to save (estimate)	Data science lead sets idle shutdown; by 21 Oct.
4	Central log workspace keeps unqueried tables at full price UNDER REVIEW	€3,239 cost in September; saving not sized yet	Security and platform pick the tables; by 25 Oct.
5	The SQL databases have no commitment discount OPEN	≈ €1,485 at an assumed discount, not a quote	Data platform pools them first; by 15 Dec.
6	Two disks left behind by a rebuild on 21 September OPEN	€38	Platform engineering, snapshot first; by 21 Oct.

We do not add these amounts together: they mix current costs and estimates, and nothing is saved until a change is made. Estimates use list prices.

What changed in September

Schedules, a clean-up, resizing and new commitments landed between 2 and 12 September, so September shows only part of their effect. The new commitments gave a €4,864 discount in their first 19 days.

Dated note, cost data up to 6 October 2026. From 1 October a dev data pipeline (adf-veltora-dev) was billed €454 in six days, against €6 in the same days of September. It falls outside this pack; we will review it in October's.

FINDING 1 OF 6 · STORAGE

A 3 GB log account costs €1,003 a month

OPEN Found and priced. Nothing has been changed yet.

Storage account stveltoralogsprod · production · resource group rg-app-prod · redundancy Standard_GRS (geo-redundant)

Where the €1,003 goes

Write operations		€650
Copying writes to a second region		€353
Storing and reading 3.1 GB		under €1
September total		€1,003

Why it happens

The application's logger re-uploads the current log file every time it flushes, instead of adding to the end of it. That is 7,920 writes every 5 minutes, about 2.3 million a day.

The account is geo-redundant, so every write is also copied to a second region. Storing the logs costs almost nothing; writing and copying them costs the rest.

For scale: the exports account holds 24 TB and cost €488 in September.

Proposed next step

1. Keep the logs in one region. Move the account to locally redundant storage, a setting change. The €353 of copying stops, and each write costs half: €0.048 instead of €0.095 per 10,000 at list price, so €650 of writes becomes about €325. Estimated €678 a month less. Check first that these logs are not your only audit copy. **≈ €325 a month**

2. Append and batch the writes. Change the logger to add to the file in batches, in one application release. Writes fall from about 2.3 million a day to about 69,000. Estimated €315 a month less. **≈ €10 a month**

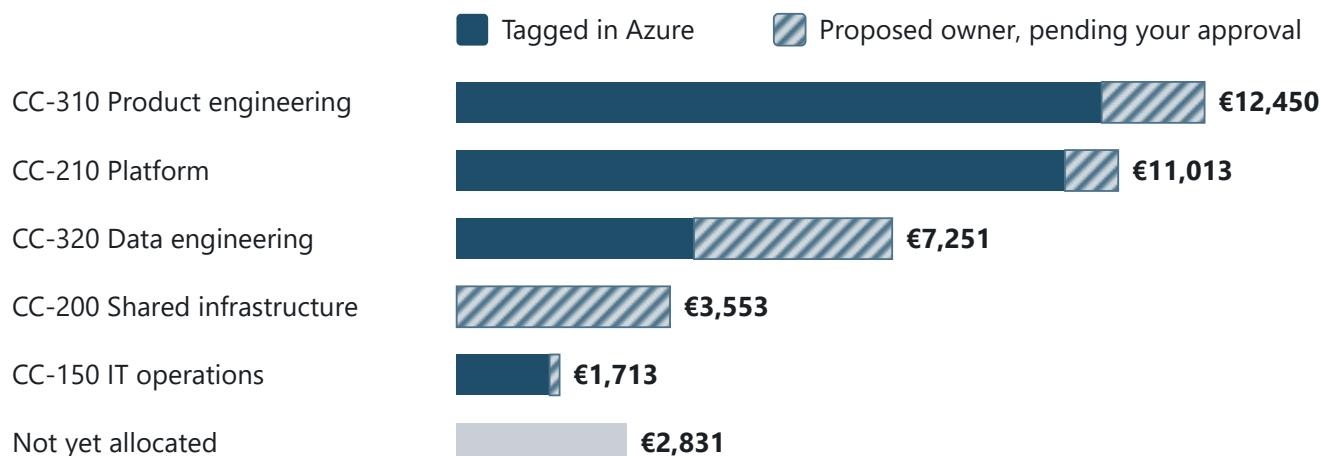
After both steps: about €10 a month instead of €1,003. That is ≈ €993 a month, or ≈ €11,900 a year, once both changes are made. Estimates use list prices.

Owner	Application team (product engineering, cost centre CC-310, from the account's tags)
Proposed dates	Confirm the write pattern from the account's metrics by 21 October 2026. Release the logger change by 15 November 2026.
We need from you	Approval for both changes, and the name of the person who signs off the release.

SHOWBACK

Who owns September's cost

68% of September's cost carries a cost-centre tag. We propose owners for most of the rest. With them, 93% has an owner. The proposed owners are pending your approval.



September 2026, effective cost by cost centre

Cost centre	Tagged	Proposed	Total	Share
CC-310 Product engineering	€10,737	€1,713	€12,450	32.1%
CC-210 Platform	€10,127	€886	€11,013	28.4%
CC-320 Data engineering	€3,953	€3,298	€7,251	18.7%
CC-200 Shared infrastructure	€3	€3,549	€3,553	9.2%
CC-150 IT operations	€1,549	€164	€1,713	4.4%
Not yet allocated			€2,831	7.3%
Total	€26,370	€9,611	€38,812	100%

Each figure is rounded from the unrounded cost, so rows may not add exactly. Effective cost spreads commitment fees over the months they cover; September's invoice was €41,891.

What "proposed" means

Each proposed owner cites its evidence: a sentence from one of Veltora's 7 allocation meetings, or one of 28 naming rules. Nothing changes in Azure until you approve and your team tags the resources.

Not yet allocated

€2,831 has no owner yet, because the teams have not agreed one or no evidence names one. We show it separately rather than guess.

We need from you: confirm or correct the proposed owners. Ask us for the evidence behind any row.