

**Question for written answer E-000097/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Support for the digital transition for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the EU

The digital transition is a strategic priority for the European Union, particularly in the context of boosting the competitiveness and resilience of businesses. However, many small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which form the backbone of the European economy, are facing major challenges, such as the lack of funding, limited digital skills and the inability to access advanced technologies. Those factors are exacerbating digital exclusion, particularly in the less developed regions.

In view of this:

1. What measures is the Commission planning to implement to further facilitate access by SMEs to European funding tools linked to the digital transition?
2. How does it intend to support the development of digital skills for workers and entrepreneurs in SMEs, particularly in sectors with low levels of digitalisation?
3. What steps is the Commission considering to reduce the cost of access to cutting-edge technologies, such as artificial intelligence, in order to ensure the participation of SMEs in the EU's digital transformation?

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