

**Question for written answer E-002412/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Implications of the critical evaluation of the European Court of Auditors regarding the Chips Act

The latest report from the European Court of Auditors (ECA) paints a shocking picture of the Chips Act¹, a plan presented in 2022 as the EU's flagship tool to achieve 'technological sovereignty'². It is an utter fiasco:

- completely unrealistic goals, including the goal to achieve a market share of 20 % for semiconductors by 2030, whereas the ECA is instead projecting a share of 11.7 %;
- non-existent coordination among Member States;
- persistent technological dependence on Asian imports³;
- a concentration of investments among a few giant stakeholders, whereas the big projects that have been announced are frozen⁴.

The Commission claims to defend 'strategic autonomy', but these observations challenge the relevance of its approach, founded on highly centralised initiatives that do not really fit with national industrial strategies.

1. Can the Commission indicate the measures it intends to take to address the shortcomings pointed out by the ECA, and how does it explain this structural failure?
2. Why did it favour Brussels-led coordination instead of support for coordinated, but sovereign industrial strategies?
3. Does the Commission plan to revise its approach to industrial policy in order to give control back to Member States over the tools, financing and strategic priorities necessary to build a semiconductor industry that is truly European?

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¹ Special report 12/2025: The EU's strategy for microchips, European Court of Auditors, 28 April 2025, <https://www.eca.europa.eu/en/publications/SR-2025-12>

² European Chips Act, European Commission, https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/priorities-2019-2024/europe-fit-digital-age/european-chips-act_en

³ 'EU microchip strategy "deeply disconnected from reality", say official auditors', Lisa O' Carrol, 28 April 2025, <https://www.theguardian.com/business/2025/apr/28/eu-microchip-strategy-deeply-disconnected-from-reality-say-official-auditors>

⁴ "'Disconnected from reality", the Chips Act will not reach its goal, finds the European Court of Auditors', Marion Garreau, 28 April 2025, <https://www.usinenouvelle.com/article/deconnecte-de-la-realite-le-chips-act-n-atteindra-pas-son-objectif-juge-la-cour-des-comptes-europeenne.N2231374>