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to the Commission
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Subject: Digital sovereignty or digital blockade? Effects of the planned regulation of data centres

The Commission has announced a legislative package on data centre energy efficiency to be published in 2026, along with a roadmap for digitalisation and artificial intelligence.

Meanwhile, the European data centre sector is already facing an extremely difficult environment – rising energy costs, severe limits on the availability of connection capacity and increasing administrative requirements that are slowing down the development of new infrastructure.

Instead of supporting a sector which underpins Europe's digital and technological sovereignty, the Commission is signalling another regulatory wave – with no details, no clear impact assessment and no indication how the EU wants to remain competitive with the United States or Asia.

In light of the above:

1. Is the Commission not concerned that imposing additional burdens will lead to investment flight outside the EU and a weakening of this strategic sector?
2. How does the Commission justify a policy that could permanently limit the development of AI and cloud services in Europe?
3. Given that the policy being pushed through could lead to the digital deindustrialisation of Europe, what economic model is the Commission relying on?

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