

Question for written answer E-003657/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Strategic support for Mistral AI, a key player in European technological sovereignty

Mistral AI, a French start-up company founded in 2023, is becoming one of the driving forces in artificial intelligence (AI) in Europe. This is demonstrated by its recent fundraising activity, which saw Dutch tech giant ASML become a shareholder. Mistral develops state-of-the-art language models and is already collaborating with major industrial companies.

What distinguishes Mistral is its aim to offer a real European alternative to American and Chinese solutions, while also respecting our standards. This is exactly what the EU says it wants to encourage.

And yet... to date, there has been no concrete, structured or significant support from the Commission. Once again, the stated ambitions are not being translated into action.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission acknowledge that Mistral AI is a strategic actor for the EU's digital autonomy?
2. What practical steps does it plan to take to help Member States develop businesses like this without them falling under non-European control and without stifling them?
3. What view does the Commission take of a Member State creating a sovereign fund specialising in AI in order to finance strategic start-ups, infrastructure and research projects?

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