

Question for written answer E-004334/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: The Commission is introducing a framework for a sovereign – but not European – cloud

The Commission has introduced its Cloud Sovereignty Framework for public authorities¹, which establishes a ‘sovereignty score’ based on several criteria: legal exposure to foreign authorities, operational sovereignty and supply chain control.

However, this framework has provoked strong criticism from European cloud providers², who state that the proposed score ‘moves even further from transparency and leaves ample room to hide inconvenient truths’³. Some also believe that it could place European players at a disadvantage vis-à-vis their competitors – particularly American ones – who could score higher despite the fact that they are subject to the laws of a jurisdiction outside the EU.

1. Does the Commission intend to review the framework so as to address European providers’ concerns?
2. Does it intend to require compliance with Gaia-X Level 3 to ensure a truly sovereign cloud?
3. Can it guarantee that the framework will not be used for the data hub of the EU customs authority?

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¹ https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/09579818-64a6-4dd5-9577-446ab6219113_en.

² <https://www.cispe.cloud/no-such-thing-as-75-organic/>.

³ Ibid.