

**Question for written answer E-004928/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Transparency in statements regarding the sustainability factors of tech companies' data centres

The rapid expansion of data centres and AI infrastructure threatens to cause electricity consumption in the European Union to skyrocket, resulting in network congestion and putting a strain on Europe's decarbonisation objectives.

Recently, the media has reported¹ that technology companies have been pressuring European organisations in the renewable sector regarding a proposal by Greenhouse Gas Protocol to tighten disclosure rules on power emissions and introduce geographical and temporal correlation criteria for tech giants' renewable energy certificates. This highlights the growing contradiction between tech giants' climate commitments and the energy impact of their AI and their data centres.

1. Is the Commission aware that the industry is exerting pressure in this regard?
2. How will it ensure that there are independent and auditable verification mechanisms to monitor companies' self-declarations about their data centres' sustainability indicators, so as to prevent greenwashing and false statements?
3. Will it introduce, under its 2026 work programme, additional transparency obligations² regarding data centres' energy consumption and carbon footprint?

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¹ 'Climate rift opens between Amazon and rivals in row over data centre power', *Financial Times*, https://www.ft.com/content/4bbde527-f107-49ff-a875-9d8d3e3a8a10?accessToken=zwAGRXRfVTmAkc9LveUn8QdJ_9OodZ2NPjqKEA.MEUCIFC_4BF_4iXs9V341cjavQQEa7m2w7Ft1RDU_4Ij02LQAiEAlrWBOAaAbiVIREfiHRbpzYiY3feOMO-Q7g_ojSfUjV8&sharetype=gift&token=bd8179ab-9b7f-4814-af96-c3de39ffc7d1.

² Directive (EU) 2023/1791 and Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/1364.