

Question for written answer E-004976/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Poor governance of joint undertakings and risk of illusory industrial sovereignty

The European Court of Auditors' annual report on EU joint undertakings for the 2024 financial year reveals significant delays in the implementation of operational budgets, particularly in strategic sectors such as semiconductors, supercomputing, hydrogen and cybersecurity.

It also emphasises that 'fewer than half' of the observations and shortcomings reported in previous years have been addressed, and that a number of joint undertakings make 'disproportionate use of external service providers', hindering the retention of skills in the EU.

1. Given these circumstances, does the Commission acknowledge that the proliferation of structures and programmes has not enabled the EU to achieve real industrial sovereignty and that the EU risks replacing actual power with bureaucracy?
2. Will it strengthen internal skills management and budget transparency, curb the fragmentation of partnerships and agencies, and ensure that European investments generate concrete industrial capacities rather than additional administrative structures?

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