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to the Commission
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Subject: ‘Sovereign cloud’ and future framework for the cloud services market in the EU

In recent weeks, Member States have once again been discussing establishing common criteria for a ‘sovereign cloud’, highlighting the need to reduce the European Union’s strategic dependencies in digital infrastructure.

This discussion coincides with the announcement of the Commission’s 2026 ‘Cloud and AI Development Act’ legislative initiative, which is expected to significantly affect the functioning of the cloud services market in the EU.

Although strengthening the EU’s data security is a legitimate objective, this cannot lead to creating administrative barriers or to limiting the open and competitive nature of the internal market.

Solutions that would in practice artificially narrow the choice of suppliers or favour certain business models regardless of their market efficiency should also be avoided.

It is essential that future regulation empower EU companies by facilitating growth and investment rather than protecting them from international competition.

In this context, I ask the following questions:

1. Does the Commission intend to propose a legal definition of ‘sovereign cloud’ that does not undermine the principles of the open market and competitiveness?
2. How will the Commission ensure that the new rules do not unduly restrict access to cloud services for businesses and public administrations?
3. How will the Commission reconcile the objectives of digital resilience with the need to maintain the EU’s capacity to attract investment on a global scale?

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