

**Question for written answer E-001003/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Digitalisation and innovation in special education

1. How does the Commission ensure that when evaluating innovative projects under programmes such as EIC Pathfinder Open, appropriate experts with interdisciplinary expertise are included, particularly when projects combine advanced technologies with educational, psychological and social objectives, including projects aimed at individuals with neurodevelopmental needs or special educational and social needs?
2. To what extent do evaluations under the EIC and other programmes take into account the social and ethical impact of AI-based technological solutions on individuals with neurodevelopmental needs or special educational and social needs, and how does the Commission ensure that these evaluations are transparent and consistent?
3. How does the Commission assess the originality, international patent potential, and global market potential of innovations targeting neurodiversity and social innovation, and how is the risk of the EU falling behind non-EU countries in strategic AI technologies managed?

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