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Subject: Ensuring competition and strategic autonomy in the AI gigafactory supply chain

Europe is increasingly confronted with structural challenges related to economic dependence on a limited number of global suppliers in strategic sectors. This dependence creates vulnerabilities in terms of security of supply, rising costs and reduced technological sovereignty.

The planned AI gigafactory initiatives are intended to strengthen Europe's technological capacity and resilience. Today, however, data centers – and specifically GPUs and AI training – are overwhelmingly concentrated and dominated by a single supplier. In the framework of AI gigafactory public procurement decisions, Europe must avoid the mistake of exacerbating this dependency, strengthening the existing dominance and foreclosing alternatives.

European procurement agencies and contracting authorities must actively avoid supplier lock-in and dependence and must take reasonable steps to avoid non-competitive outcomes, even where switching is not easy.

In this context:

1. How does the Commission intend to ensure that procurement decisions related to AI gigafactory projects do not reinforce dominance and that they prevent vendor lock-in?

2. Will the Commission introduce measures to ensure that other players, including SMEs and emerging European suppliers, can participate meaningfully in the AI gigafactory ecosystem?

3. How does the Commission intend to use AI gigafactory initiatives to reduce Europe's strategic dependencies while promoting competition and the diversification of suppliers?

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