Question for written answer E-001514/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Failings in EU governance on artificial intelligence and respect for national prerogatives

In its Special Report No 12/2026[1], the European Court of Auditors highlights serious shortcomings in the implementation of the European Union's policies on artificial intelligence. In particular, it stresses the fragmented nature of initiatives, the lack of reliable performance indicators and persistent shortcomings in assessing the true impact of EU funding.

This adds up to ineffectual governance of the issue and questionable use of public funds in what is, moreover, a field of the utmost strategic importance. The report also highlights the risks of overlap with national policies, revealing a worrying tendency to encroach upon the competences of Member States.

Can the Commission therefore say:

1. What specific measures it intends to take to ensure funding is no longer fragmented and truly effective?

2. On what grounds it justifies the proliferation of European initiatives in an area largely falling within the remit of national industrial strategies?

3. How it intends to comply with the principles of subsidiarity and sound financial management laid down in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union?

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[1] https://www.eca.europa.eu/ECAPublications/SR-2026-12/SR-2026-12_EN.pdf.