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to the Commission
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Subject: Impact of AI on reading and interest in books in Europe

The way in which Europeans access information has changed rapidly in recent years, with the increasing use of digital tools and artificial intelligence.¹

In 2025, 32.7 % of EU citizens aged between 16 and 74 had used AI tools. Meanwhile, the consumption of e-books and audiobooks has grown, showing a transformation in the way Europeans access written content.

The development of AI provides fast access to information and can be an aid to learning but the frequent use of tools that provide instant information and responses can influence the way in which people, especially young people, approach long texts and in-depth reading.

1. Is the Commission considering monitoring the effects of using artificial intelligence on the reading habits of Europeans, especially children and young people, and assessing its impact on in-depth reading, the ability to concentrate and text comprehension?
2. What steps is the Commission taking to encourage reading and the development of lasting relationships with books in an environment where instant access to information is becoming ever more present?

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¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/w/ddn-20251216-3>.