

**Question for written answer E-003396/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Sustainability of data centres

On 3 June 2026, the Commission put forward its European technological sovereignty package. However, the legislative package did not include an associated proposal on data centre energy efficiency, including the new rating scheme and sustainability labels. According to Commission sources, this new regulation, which will establish sustainability benchmarks and new transparency rules for data centres, will be published ‘by early 2027 at the latest’.

In light of the above:

1. For what reasons has the Commission delayed the file in question?
2. The President of the European Data Centre Association (EUDCA) has expressed concerns about the sustainability requirements for the industry¹ and has stated that Europe might need to turn to fossil fuels to achieve its AI infrastructure goals². How will the Commission ensure that environmental principles and renewable energy continue to be a priority?
3. The Commission is promoting tripartite agreements between data centre operators, energy-related parties and public authorities³. What specific measures will be included in those agreements and what role will the EUDCA play in that cooperation?

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¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency-initiative/meetings/data/meetings/9ce5fd1a-2d96-4ca6-afea-17841d381708/minutes>.

² <https://www.politico.eu/article/europe-choose-ai-climate-goals-data-center-chief-warns/>.

³ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/eus-energy-system/digitalisation-energy-system_en#strategic-roadmap-for-digitalisation-and-ai-in-energy:~:text=To%20promote%20the,digital%20EU%20transition.