

**Question for written answer E-003416/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Proposed sale of Everllence to Bain Capital and preservation of European industrial sovereignty

The Volkswagen Group intends to transfer a 51 % stake in Everllence to the US investment fund Bain Capital. Everllence is a major player in energy, in nuclear, in marine propulsion and in critical industrial technologies. More than 80 nuclear power plants in 18 countries and several buildings belonging to the French navy are equipped with the Pielstick engines that Everllence produces in France.

The sale raises a number of questions in view of the European Union's objectives of industrial sovereignty and strategic autonomy. According to several reports, an EU solution had also been considered, through a Swedish investment fund.

In light of the European economic security strategy, the European industrial strategy and the goal to reduce dependencies in critical sectors:

1. Has the Commission been informed of this proposed sale and is it assessing the potential consequences for the EU's strategic interests?
2. Does it intend to issue an opinion under Regulation (EU) 2019/452 establishing a framework for the screening of foreign direct investments into the Union?
3. What steps does it intend to take so that the critical industrial capacities and technologies affected by the sale are encouraged to remain in the EU?

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