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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission follows closely the developments of the cloud market in Europe and notably of the announcements quoted in the Honourable Member's question. However, the Commission does not comment on them individually.

The EU is equipped with tools to respond to cases of coercion by third countries.

European solutions, often open source, exist for email services and data storage services. The Commission is already making use of such solutions as part of its multi-cloud strategy and is also examining them in the context of its technology watch activities.

The upcoming Cloud and Artificial Intelligence (AI) Development Act¹ will ensure an enhanced availability of EU-based cloud capacity. It will be backed by a single EU-wide cloud policy for the public sector. Together with a competitive EU cloud industry, the strategic use of public procurement enabled by the two instruments will empower the EU to foster innovative services and strengthen its digital sovereignty.

The Data Act², which shall apply from 12 September 2025, establishes the legislative framework to ensure interoperability of data processing services and to enable effective switching between different providers of data processing services.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14628-AI-Continent-new-cloud-and-AI-development-act_en.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202302854.