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The 2050 climate-neutrality objective entails the need to ensure that digital growth is powered by clean, resilient, and sustainable energy. To this end, the Commission engages with all involved parties and stakeholders and follows closely relevant discussions.

The Commission announced a Data Centre Energy Efficiency Package¹, which will be published together with the Strategy Roadmap on Digitalisation and AI in 2026. The Data Centre Energy Efficiency Package will build on the current reporting scheme for data centres² and aims at introducing an EU wide rating scheme and label for the energy efficiency and sustainability of data centres. It will also launch an open public consultation for the establishment of minimum performance standards for data centres in Europe and assess how transparency could be increased and most sustainable practices in the industry could be promoted.

To prepare the ground for these initiatives, the Commission has evaluated, among others, the quality of the data reported by data centre operators³ and is working with Member States to take further measures to ensure accurate reporting. A report to the European Parliament and the Council providing an assessment of the European data centres sector, based on the first reporting period, and proposed actions to be taken will be published soon.

¹ https://energy.ec.europa.eu/topics/energy-efficiency/new-impetus-energy-efficiency_en.

² Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/1364 of 14 March 2024 on the first phase of the establishment of a common Union rating scheme for data centres, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2024/1364/oj.

³ <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/83be4c3e-5c79-11f0-a9d0-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>.