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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Virkkunen
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission would like to note that the reference to 'serious shortcomings in the implementation of the EU's policies on artificial intelligence' does not appear in the Court of Auditor's report¹ mentioned in the written parliamentary question. Similarly, the report does not -in the context of AI policies- stress 'the fragmented nature of initiatives, the lack of reliable performance indicators and persistent shortcomings in assessing the true impact of EU funding'. The highlighted report is about the EU's advisory bodies -notably the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions- and the impact of their opinions, not about the work of the Commission in a specific policy field.

That said, the Commission would like to stress that, with regards to AI policies and initiatives, it has always closely coordinated its activities with those of Member States through existing discussion fora. For instance, when preparing the Apply AI Strategy², the Commission based its work on the implementation of AI strategies and policy initiatives established by Member States. Direct contacts with Member States were made, including through interviews with key government entities responsible for the national AI strategies and policies, as well as through specific discussions in the AI Board. These contacts serve as a basis for understanding which practical gaps needed to be addressed and what coordinated approach to adopt in the Strategy. All these activities were organised in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity.

¹ https://www.eca.europa.eu/ECAPublications/SR-2026-12/SR-2026-12_EN.pdf.

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52025DC0723>.