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The Energy Efficiency Directive (EED)¹ requires the Commission to establish a European database on data centres with data publicly available on an aggregated level. The Commission established the European database² in line with these provisions and has fulfilled its obligation to make publicly available aggregated data via a public dashboard³ that summarises and presents data as soon as they are confirmed by the Member States.

The Commission has repeatedly confirmed⁴ that the confidentiality of the data in the European database is compatible with EU law, as well as the provisions of the Aarhus convention. To increase transparency, the Commission has committed to analysing every year the figures reported to the European database. The analysis for the first year is publicly available⁵ and the analysis for the second year is being prepared.

Member States and not the Commission decide which specific data, data centres in their territory must publish. The Commission, as part of the EED transposition check, is examining whether Member States have transposed and implemented the relevant provisions of the Directive correctly. Similarly, Member States' authorities can decide, during the permitting or possible local consultation processes, what information they want to disclose about the benefits and impacts of new data centres at the local level.

The upcoming Data Centre Energy Efficiency Package is not foreseen to review the EED.

¹ Directive (EU) 2023/1791 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2023 on energy efficiency and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/955 (recast) (OJ L 231, 20.9.2023, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2023/1791/oj>).

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://dashboard.tech.ec.europa.eu/qs_digit_dashboard_mt/public/sense/app/940a61c3-bcfe-47d6-a786-25d93aa63b85/sheet/ZLWpJa/state/analysis/bookmark/381456a5-1044-4047-92f5-671be7ad92c4.

⁴ For example, in this confirmatory request: <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-request/search/document-details/18424>.

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