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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Séjourné
on behalf of the European Commission
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The Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation¹ (ESPR) enables the introduction of the Digital Product Passport (DPP) for specific product groups in line with the Ecodesign for Sustainable Products and Energy Labelling Working Plan 2025-2030². The Commission will adopt delegated acts for specific product groups, setting out the ecodesign requirements including DPP requirements unless an existing IT system can fulfil the same purpose. A detailed technical preparatory study and impact assessment including analysis of costs of introducing the DPP will underpin the delegated acts. If relevant for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), an SME check annex will be included, providing structured information about test results.

ESPR mandates a decentralised DPP IT infrastructure, therefore DPPs and product specific data will be hosted by the responsible economic operators or delegated to DPP service providers. The Commission has no empowerment to mandate the use of centralised IT tools beyond the DPP registry. The DPP registry, set up by the Commission, will store certain high-level metadata about the DPPs and the products³ and will also adopt a delegated act laying down rules on the operation of DPP service providers⁴, which will be impact-assessed and include an SME check.

Article 22 of the ESPR covers supporting measures for SMEs. The Commission shall, where appropriate, accompany the product-specific delegated acts with guidelines covering specificities of SMEs, and in particular micro-enterprises, and IT tools which could support the creation and validation of DPPs. Member States shall take appropriate measures to help SMEs, which may include financial support, access to finance or organisational and technical assistance.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32024R1781&qid=1719580391746>.

² https://environment.ec.europa.eu/document/5f7ff5e2-ebe9-4bd4-a139-db881bd6398f_en.

³ Like for example the unique identifiers detailed in Article 12 of the ESPR.

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/14382-Digital-product-passport-rules-for-service-providers_en.