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to the Commission**
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Subject: Cybersecurity and SMEs

In 2015, the number of computer security incidents worldwide, across all economic sectors, rose by 38 %. In France, 11 cybersecurity incidents in companies are recorded every day.

For companies, and especially SMEs, the sector most vulnerable to cyber-attacks, cybersecurity is essential. Meanwhile, a host of innovative SMEs have sprung up on this market but they are experiencing major problems due to the process of constructing a single market for cybersecurity not yet being complete: the European market is excessively fragmented, there is insufficient investment, and when innovations do appear, they do not always go far enough.

To remedy these shortcomings, the European Commission launched an action plan in July 2016 to strengthen 'Europe's cyber resilience and its cybersecurity industry' and help businesses in this sector expand.

Could the Commission, therefore, provide an assessment of what has been done so far to develop the EU's cybersecurity market?

Is the Commission planning measures to help SMEs better protect themselves against the dangers of cybercrime?