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to the Commission
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Subject: Digital transformation of African countries

On 28 November 2017, Commissioner Andrus Ansip gave a speech in Abidjan on the digital transformation of the African continent in which he stated that, currently, 7% of Africa's GDP came from the digital sector, and this figure was rising steadily.

Digital technologies have a positive impact on our economies: they can create employment, generate growth, reduce social inequality and play a role in sustainable development.

Europe and Africa are facing similar challenges in terms of digital transformation: access to connectivity, the teaching of digital skills, and support for start-ups and investment. It is therefore necessary for the two continents to cooperate closely on this issue.

Does the Commission envisage a common digital strategy between the EU and Africa?

To what extent is the Commission cooperating with African countries in this field?

Can the Commission provide specific examples of this cooperation?