

**Question for written answer E-001447/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Technology infrastructure – preparatory action

Technology infrastructure (TI) has long been recognised as crucial to the success of European innovation ecosystems. A European Research Area action plan entitled 'Towards an Integrated European landscape for Technology Infrastructures' will be developed over the next three years and the cornerstones of the strategy are already being put in place now. The State aid regime for TI is currently being developed and the European Chips Act is an initial attempt to develop an integrated but sector-specific EU landscape for TI. Furthermore, dedicated funding for TI may be included in the 2028-2034 multiannual financial framework. This is therefore the best time to gain practical experience with a comprehensive EU approach, including funding, for TI. This could be done by setting up a preparatory action on EU TI, which could feed into the legislative proposal for the next framework programme or a dedicated TI programme.

1. Will the Commission propose that the above-mentioned preparatory action is set up under the 2023 EU budget?
2. If not, how is it planning to develop the experience needed to set up an effective programme for TI?