

**Question for written answer E-003680/2022  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: European strategies for the construction sector

According to the April 2021 report by the European Construction Sector Observatory, the construction sector is one of the least digitalised sectors of the EU economy.

Various Commission strategies, including the European strategy for data, the Commission staff working document on common European data spaces and the Digital Europe Programme, envisage the creation of a single European market based on sectoral data spaces, highlighting construction as one of the largest beneficiaries.

In 2019, the Commission funded the Digital Platform for Construction in Europe project. This coordination and support action further highlighted in its strategic roadmap the need for a European data space for the construction sector, laying the foundations for future development of the topic under Horizon Europe. Consequently, Horizon Europe's 2021-2022 programme included the 'TWIN-TRANSITION-29-2021: Data Spaces for Construction' call, which would have enabled this proposal to be implemented, but the call was subsequently removed from the final version of the work programme.

The construction sector accounts for around 9% of Community GDP and employs 18 million workers.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission believe that creating a common European data space for the construction sector is a priority?
2. Does it intend to include the 'TWIN-TRANSITION-29-2021: Data Spaces for Construction' call in Horizon Europe's 2023-2024 programme or in the Digital Europe programming?

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