

**Question for written answer E-000333/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: European cloud and digital sovereignty

Despite the sovereign European cloud project Gaia-X having failed, the Commission recently approved EUR 1.2 billion in funding to advance the European cloud¹.

1. So as not to repeat past mistakes, what precise steps will the Commission take today to strengthen the continent's digital sovereignty?
2. If the aim is to design infrastructure guaranteeing a robust, competitive and independent European cloud, ensuring data security and user confidentiality, what specific measures will be taken to ensure compliance with ethical and data protection standards, guaranteeing that the development of the European cloud fully respects users' fundamental rights and offers a reliable alternative to international solutions?
3. Finally, what will the Commission do to encourage the widespread uptake of the European cloud by companies and public organisations, so as to help reduce dependence on non-European providers?

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¹ <https://www.lemondeinformatique.fr/actualites/lire-l-europe-debloque-1-2-mdeteuro-pour-favoriser-le-cloud-europeen-92342.html>