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to the Commission
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Subject: Harmonised regulation of access to computer engineering degrees in the EU

Knowledge, expertise, integrity and capacity for innovation are key in the successful implementation of the European Digital Agenda. In contrast to the legislative measures taken in many fields and the financial support for infrastructure deployment and innovation projects, there are significant shortcomings as regards the harmonised regulation at EU level of professions essential to this transformative process, such as computer engineering. As computer engineering is crucial for both our future development and for the security, integrity and development of areas such as artificial intelligence, it is only ethical and responsible to ensure that professionals working in this field are trained to rigorous standards of knowledge, ethics and responsibility. Additionally, they should possess the expertise and commitment necessary for continuous professional development. Bearing in mind that this specific domain is the responsibility of the Member States:

1. What measures can the Commission take to promote the coordinated regulation of this discipline in Member States, forming an essential part of the European Digital Agenda?

2. Does the Commission believe that such regulation could reduce the risk of people without standardised accreditation and professional supervision accessing critical tasks, which could affect the integrity and security of our digital infrastructure?

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