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Subject: Safeguarding digital sovereignty in Italy's national recovery and resilience plan: the case of Starlink

As digital sovereignty is a cornerstone of EU security, the deployment of EU resources, in particular through the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), should ensure a secure and effective digital transition. According to recent news, the Italian Government intends to entrust SpaceX/Starlink technologies with providing internet connectivity in remote areas as part of Italy's national recovery and resilience plan (NRRP).

Against this background:

1. In light of Article 18 of Regulation EU 2021/241¹, how does the Commission intend to evaluate a potential request to include SpaceX/Starlink technologies in Italy's NRRP and ensure that the required security self-assessment – based on objective common criteria – properly addresses risks posed to digital sovereignty and data management by a non-EU company?
2. Will the Commission ensure that the technical standards outlined in the NRRP, such as minimum connection speeds and infrastructure resilience, are fully maintained, and that there will be no reduction in these standards in the case of technologies such as those proposed by SpaceX/Starlink?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/241 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 February 2021 establishing the Recovery and Resilience Facility, OJ L 57, 18.2.2021, p. 17, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/241/oj>.