

Title: AM-50-1 to R4: European Digital Democracy:

Sovereignty, Rights and Online Safety

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Digital technologies also have a heavy ecological footprint. Data centres already consume around 3% of EU electricity and could reach 10% by 2030 (EEA). Chip production by major firms like Nvidia and AMD relies on rare earth minerals, whose extraction causes severe environmental harm. Training large AI models and expanding cloud infrastructures will further

## **Explanation / Comment**

Rare earth mining for chip production often involves toxic waste discharge, biodiversity loss, and unsafe labour conditions in regions with weak environmental protections. Let's call them out directly.