

**Call for input on Quantum Computing
as part of a sector inquiry**

The Italian Competition Authority, in its meeting of 10 March 2026, resolved to launch a sector inquiry into Quantum Computing (IC59), simultaneously opening a public consultation procedure on the following topics, as set out in the initiating resolution:

- (i) existing and expected market structures (e.g. with regard to the distinction/interrelation between quantum hardware and software, cloud services and “Quantum-as-a-Service”, vertical applications);
- (ii) existing and expected competitive dynamics (e.g. with regard to technological leadership and first-mover advantage, risks of Quantum Computing being absorbed as a complementary module in large, already dominant cloud ecosystems);
- (iii) existing and expected importance of intellectual property rights;
- (iv) already observable acquisition and consolidation strategies, with particular reference to the absorption of start-ups, as well as the current and expected role of development supported by venture capital actions;
- (v) strategic dependency profiles (e.g. with regard to access to critical quantum hardware and services, technological-commercial lock-in and proprietary standards, effects on security, resilience and tech sovereignty).

All interested parties may submit, **by 30 April 2026**, their reasoned comments on the topics indicated above, by sending an email to [**IC59@agcm.it**](mailto:IC59@agcm.it).

Text of the initiating resolution ([link](#))

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