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2026 BA Course

Assignment Question

Considering the European Union's digital transformation strategy, to what extent do its policy choices and investment initiatives in artificial intelligence strengthen the EU's strategic position in global technological competition? Discuss your answer from a critical perspective, with reference to funding instruments, regulatory frameworks, AI governance initiatives, and differences in digital/technological capacities across member states.

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To what extent can the *NextGenerationEU* initiative be considered a turning point for the future of the European Union's pursuit of a more resilient, sustainable, and socially just economy? Discuss your answer by examining its main funding mechanisms, objectives, and implementation challenges.

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