

**Question for written answer E-006594/2014
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU-Russia scientific cooperation

25 November 2013 marked the beginning of the 'EU-Russia Year of Science', presumably meant to be a public and symbolic sign of the strong relations in this area, that have been legally underpinned since 2000 in the form of the agreement on cooperation in science and technology between the European Community and the Russian Federation.

One of the most established forms of EU-Russia cooperation in science and technology is the participation of Russian entities in the EU's framework programmes for research and technological development, now incorporated as part of the new Horizon 2020 package. During the 7th Framework Programme, nearly 300 Russian institutions participated in approximately the same number of projects. Of these, the total value of Russia's participation was EUR 103 million, of which EUR 64 million was financed by the EU. These projects have spanned a number of areas, ranging from space and nanotechnology to transport and food.

However, given Russia's recent aggression against Ukraine and the High Representative-Designate's comments that Russia is 'no longer a strategic partner' of the EU, does the Council have:

1. any intention of reviewing the relationship between the EU and Russia in the sphere of research and technology?
2. any intention of reviewing and discontinuing Russian institutions' access to Horizon 2020 funding?