

**Question for written answer E-009754/2014
to the Council**
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Subject: R&D expenditure just over 2 % of GDP in the EU28 in 2013

According to data compiled using the European System of Accounts 2010 (ESA 2010) methodology, in 2013 the EU28 Member States spent almost EUR 275 billion on research and development (R&D). The R&D intensity, i.e. R&D expenditure as a percentage of GDP, stood at 2.02 % in the EU28 in 2013, compared with 1.76 % in 2004.

However, R&D intensity in the EU28 remains lower than that measured for other major economies. It was much higher in South Korea (4.04 %) and Japan (3.38 %) in 2011, and was slightly higher in the United States (2.81 %) in 2012, while it was below that of the EU28 in both China (1.98 % in 2012) and Russia (1.11 %).

What action is the EU ready to take in order to increase R&D intensity in the EU28 and thereby provide a stimulus to the EU's competitiveness?