

**Question for written answer E-009942/2014  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Science education

Commission statistics reveal that just 8 per cent of Maltese students (less than half of the EU average) undertook some form of post-secondary scientific studies in 2013.

According to a 2013 Eurobarometer survey, a majority of Maltese students found science unappealing.

The Commission has launched a campaign ('Science, it's a girl thing!') to encourage more girls to become interested in science and to encourage more women to choose research as a career.

Against this background, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Have studies been conducted to analyse the impact of Commission programmes and campaigns to popularise science the across Member States, in particular the campaign 'Science, it's a girl thing!'?
2. To what extent has Malta participated in this campaign?