

**Question for written answer E-009957/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: R&D expenditure just over 2 % of GDP in the EU28 in 2013

According to data compiled on the basis of the European System of Accounts 2010 (ESA 2010) methodology, in 2013 the EU28 Member States spent almost EUR 275 billion on research & development (R&D). 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. This level remained lower in the EU28 than in other major economies, however. R&D intensity was much higher in South Korea (4.04 % in 2011), Japan (3.38 % in 2011) and, to a lesser extent, the United States (2.81 % in 2012), while in both China (1.98 % in 2012) and Russia (1.11 %) R&D intensity was below that of the EU28.

What action is the Commission prepared to take in order to increase R&D intensity in the EU28 to stimulate the EU's competitiveness?