

**Question for written answer E-002541/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Knowledge and Innovation Communities

The Commission has announced an adjustment to the budget of the European Institute of Technology, on which Knowledge and Investment Communities depend.

This adjustment could jeopardise the commitment to R&D and investment in vital sectors such as the agrifood sector in Catalonia, as well as other key sectors in various parts of the EU.

Will the Commission maintain its commitment to innovation and knowledge in Europe and keep the budget of the European Institute of Technology in line with previous years?

If not, what steps will it consider taking to alleviate the negative impact an adjustment of this type may have on the European Institute of Technology?

What programmes is the Commission planning to boost research, development and innovation in the European agrifood sector?