Question for written answer E-002807/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Gabriel Mato (PPE) and Carlos Iturgaiz (PPE)

Subject: Participation by citizens in the Horizon 2020 programme

Horizon 2020 is the EU's flagship research and innovation programme aimed at achieving scientific excellence in Europe. Its lines of action include fomenting science for and with society, broadening participation and spreading excellence.

With a view to improving cooperation between science and society, one of the goals of Horizon 2020 is to support projects in which citizens are involved in determining the kind of research that affects their daily lives.

What steps is the Commission taking to foment participation by EU citizens in these programmes and their involvement in the configuration of research projects backed by the EU?

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