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to the Commission**
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Subject: Research and innovation - Croatia

One of the main preconditions for economic recovery in Croatia is investment in and encouragement of research and innovation in entrepreneurship. Croatia currently allocates to research and innovation approximately 0.5 % of its GDP, which is not even close to the amount necessary to match the standards of developed European countries.

1. To what extent has Croatia so far used the funds of the European Union intended for research and development?
2. What measures in the area of research and development (apart from the cohesion policy) will be available to Croatia in the forthcoming period?