

**Question for written answer E-006363/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Delay in recognising courses at the Universidade Atlântica by the Portuguese Ministry of Education and Science

The Universidade Atlântica is a private institution whose shareholders are Carbures and Oeiras Municipal Council.

The aim of the investment that CARBURES is going to make in the university, in line with the investment that other multinationals make in the aircraft industry in Portugal (such as EMBRAER), is to train highly qualified professionals to meet the needs of the aviation industry. This investment therefore represents a unique opportunity to consolidate a production and maintenance cluster in the aircraft industry.

It appears that, due to bureaucracy at the Ministry of Education and Science, there is a risk that this investment in education and training in aeronautical engineering will be lost. Like all national investments in education, this one should be highly productive in the medium and long term.

1. As this is a sector of great significance for Europe, has the European Commission provided any funding for this sector to promote specialised professional qualifications and innovation?
2. As to the delay in recognition by the national bodies responsible, what measures does the Commission intend to pursue to prevent bureaucratic delays of this type from creating an environment which is hostile to innovation and investment in Europe?