

**Question for written answer E-006644/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU research: new grants for centres of excellence and SMEs

The EU has recently announced plans for new grants to help bridge the excellence divide among the 28 Member States in terms of scientific and technological research. 'Teaming', a new scheme set up under the Horizon 2020 programme, is intended to unlock the EU's research and innovation potential, create new centres of excellence, and boost competitiveness and growth in Europe. A total of EUR 117 million has, on the other hand, been earmarked specifically and exclusively for SMEs under the EU instrument for SMEs.

Regarding these funds, can the Commission say which particular projects will be eligible for the new grants under the Horizon 2020 programme?

Will the Commission embark on a monitoring programme to ensure that support programmes are properly implemented in Member States, thereby guaranteeing that the funding will be used to complete the European Research Area and have European added value?