

**Question for written answer E-007182/2015/rev.1
to the Commission**

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Subject: Spain's situation in relation to CERN

Spain has recently been expelled from the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC) for failing to pay its contributions and is also in arrears with its contributions to the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), in which the Commission has observer status. Following the onset of the economic crisis and the resulting austerity measures, Spain's research and development budget has been progressively eroded year after year, leaving it unable to pay its dues.

Is the Commission aware that Spain has been unable to keep up with its payments to various scientific institutions? How is it possible for Member States to continue to invest adequate amounts in research notwithstanding the economic crisis?