

**Question for written answer E-007754/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: RIS3

We have recently been informed that the Commission has requested additional information from 10 Spanish autonomous communities relating to their RIS3 proposals, the smart specialisation strategy intended to kick-start R&D investment throughout the EU.

Bearing in mind the R&D&I cuts that have been made in Spain, and that have widened the gap between Spain and European averages for technology investment, can the Commission provide details of the type of additional information it has requested from the aforementioned autonomous communities?

What implications may there be if an adequate response is not received?

How many European regions have been asked for additional information on their RIS3 strategy?