

**Question for written answer E-005064/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Health information and the Science Cloud

The Science Cloud is an important step towards connecting European research, exchanging information and carrying out research across borders. A few disciplines are already heavily involved, in particular the sciences. Others, in particular medicine, would like to participate, but have some concerns about sharing information. Patient information is very sensitive and can only be published and/or disseminated under strict conditions.

1. What is the Commission's view of the suggestion to opt for discipline-specific approaches rather than a standardised approach to disseminating data within the European Science Cloud, so that individual disciplines, such as medicine, can be more heavily involved without coming into conflict with legal provisions?
2. How will the Commission make the Cloud more attractive to disciplines which are not heavily involved owing to a lack of familiarity with its possibilities rather than legal obligations?
3. The Cloud takes a very bottom-up approach, which is an advantage when it comes to integrating as many beneficiaries as possible. How can the incentive system be improved in order to increase participation in the Cloud?