

**Question for written answer E-006089/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Impact on UK university funding - post-EU referendum

The South West of England region has previously received just under EUR 600m from Horizon 2020 funding, with Bristol University receiving over EUR 140m. Since the UK's EU referendum vote on June 23rd many disconcerting reports have emerged about changes to research funding in this region, and the UK as a whole. Many researchers have reported to have already been taken off bids for Horizon 2020 funding since the vote to leave.

As MEPs for South West England we ask the Commission:

How are the decisions to remove UK researchers from bids being made?

Who is monitoring this situation in the Commission?

Can the Commission confirm that Horizon 2020 funding should continue unaffected until Article 50 is triggered and until negotiations between the UK and the remaining 27 Member States have been concluded, and that while the UK continues to contribute to the EU budget, its eligibility for funding streams from that budget continues as normal?