

**Question for written answer E-006351/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Siôn Simon (S&D)**

Subject: Croatia and the European Space Agency

In reference to your answer to Written Question E-013556/2015, it is clear that not only does the Commission 'attach great importance to relations with the European Space Agency (ESA)', but that it is a crucial element to many of the goals which the European Union seeks to achieve. Cooperation on space policy across the EU represents a means to both expand research and achieve ambitious goals, while also representing an example of European integration.

Having recently joined the EU in 2013, Croatia remains outside of the ESA, which represents a lag in the Member State's progress towards integration. Can the Commission therefore outline what is being done towards Croatia's accession to the ESA.