

**Question for written answer E-006771/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Horizon 2020 cuts

The creation of the European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI) has led to the diversion of EUR 2.2 billion from the Horizon 2020 programme to EFSI to support EFSI funding. The reason for this is that it was believed that projects with an innovation and research component similar to those under Horizon 2020 would be included under EFSI.

The Horizon 2020 programme was devised with a budget of EUR 100 billion, which was reduced to EUR 70 billion following the adoption of the Multiannual Financial Framework and subsequently cut by EUR 2.2 billion to fund the EFSI. According to the Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, Horizon 2020 projects are currently in high demand, with an absorption rate of 100%.

To what extent has the research and development component been included in EFSI projects to date?

Given the high demand for the programme and taking into account that its annual budget is still much lower than what it was during the final year of the FP7 (the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development) in 2013, is the Commission in a position to provide additional funding to support the Horizon 2020 programme, at least to the value of the amount transferred to EFSI?