

**Question for written answer E-007009/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU-South Korea Free Trade Agreement (FTA) impact assessment

Five years after it came into force, it is clear that the EU-South Korea FTA has been a success. The trade balances of both parties have markedly improved. EU exports have increased by 55%.

Certain details of the agreement are still to be ironed out and there is margin to continue negotiations. South Korea still needs to meet its environmental and labour commitments if it is to continue working towards a wider agreement.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the agreement's application?
2. Is the Commission considering working towards an investment agreement before South Korea meets its environmental and labour commitments?