

**Question for written answer E-001054/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: LAW-TRAIN: follow-up

In its answer to Written Question E-007535/2016, the Commission stated that the Horizon 2020 LAW-TRAIN project recently underwent a technical review. The Commission maintains that all necessary measures have been taken to address concerns raised by MEPs and civil society.

The minutes from the LAW-TRAIN review meeting of 23 June 2016 do not back up this statement, however. As a follow-up to earlier questions and in the light of the internal technical review:

1. The Commission stresses that Israeli legal persons 'may not carry out research activities in the Occupied Territories' (OTs). There is reasonable concern that LAW-TRAIN project activities are being carried out in offices in the OTs. Can the Commission confirm that a special mechanism has been set up in order to ensure that none of these activities are taking place in the OTs (including East Jerusalem)? If not, why not?
2. Is the Commission convinced that the 'ethical advisor' appointed by the LAW-TRAIN project itself (a clear case of vested interests) is fully independent?
3. Does the Commission agree that the results of the recent ethics review of Horizon 2020 should be made public so that I can obtain a copy?