

**Question for written answer E-002106/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Horizon 2020/next Research and Development Framework Programme

I was elected in a European constituency in which the space and aeronautics industry is a cornerstone of our regional economy. The industry is at the cutting edge of research and innovation and requires an ever-increasing amount of financing as its programmes become more and more demanding and competitive. These are suffering in particular from a reduction in public donations. Such donations have an incomparable leverage effect on mobilising private funds and often prove the determining factor in launching a research programme.

Given the new challenges which the industry must face (environmental footprint, increased competition from emerging countries...), the Commission is asked to reply to the following questions:

1. Does the Commission plan to make space and aeronautics priorities in the mid-term revision of the Horizon 2020 programme?
2. Has the Commission identified the investment priorities in these sectors which would increase the financial resources (such as direct grants) for the next Research and Development Framework Programme?