

**Question for written answer E-007593/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Research and innovation for the competitiveness of the European aeronautic sector

Horizon 2020 has been an excellent tool for boosting research and innovation within the European Union for the competitiveness of our businesses. The 9th Framework Programme for Research and Development (FPRD) must follow this same logic, keeping optimisation and amplification in mind. Specifically as a member of the TRAN commission and Vice-President of the 'sky and space' inter-group within the European Parliament, I note that public support, both in terms of regulation and budget, enables private actors in the aeronautic sector to address the challenges linked to air traffic increases, such as respect for the environment (reduction of emissions). In a context of increased international competition, it is our responsibility to provide consistent institutional support to promote competitiveness in the European aeronautic sector. Therefore:

- following the recommendations of the work carried out by the High Level Group, led by Pascal Lamy, does the Commission intend to increase the budget of the next FPRD?
- Can the Commission confirm that aeronautics will be one of the priority sectors within the next FPRD?
- Which strategy does the Commission want to encourage for the future of joint undertakings such as SESAR and Clean Sky?