

**Question for written answer E-000674/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Space - the future of research and innovation

The Space Strategy for Europe has recognised the importance of supporting research and development (R&D) for the European space sector. Indeed, it is a necessary condition for maintaining and developing the competitiveness of the players in the sector. In order to keep up with international competition, the European space sector's advanced technology, often used in both civil society and the military, must be strengthened in the future. Europe must also be aware of the need to increase investment in research and innovation to have greater influence as a global space power.

1. As part of the ongoing reflections on the future of the EU research and innovation framework programme, can the Commission guarantee that it will adopt a sector-wide approach, or in other words, promote a specific line dedicated to space R&D?
2. Can the Commission state how this R&D support will be provided?
3. Will support be given to the implementation of new mechanisms, like the various missions and clusters currently being considered?