

ORAL QUESTION H-0827/08  
for Question Time at the part-session in November 2008  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Avril Doyle  
to the Commission

Subject: European Research Council

On 27/28 February 2007, the European Research Council (ERC) was officially launched at an inaugural conference in Berlin hosted by the German EU Presidency. One of its aims is to 'promote wholly investigator-driven or "bottom up" frontier research'.

Could the Commission clarify what is meant by investigator-driven or 'bottom-up' frontier research? And what progress has been made to date in this area?

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