

**Question for written answer P-004534/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Participation of the Joint Research Centre (JRC) in the modelling of the ILUC factor in the calculation of greenhouse gas emissions

In the implementation of the commitments of the Paris Agreement, the European Union particularly encourages the use of biofuels as an alternative to fossil fuels. However, the production of biofuels also generates greenhouse gases, in particular via the effects of indirect land use change (ILUC factor).

While the existence of the ILUC factor is broadly acknowledged, there is still much discussion of how to estimate it precisely for subsequent inclusion in legislation and how to ascertain the actual emissions caused by biofuel production.

1. As the EU has a Joint Research Centre, whose mission is to provide scientific and technical support for the design, development, implementation and monitoring of Community policies, in line with the needs of the Commission, could the Commission not also give the Centre a mandate to come up with a Community model to take account of the ILUC factor, rather than outsource such studies to external research bodies?
2. What would be the budgetary impact of going via the JRC rather than funding scientific service providers?