

**Question for written answer E-000076/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Open access policies

The Commission has set as a target that 60 % of articles deriving from publicly funded research should be freely available under open access by 2016. Commissioner Geoghegan-Quinn has also stated that this will be the general principle applied to research funded through the Horizon 2020 framework programme.

In their implementation of the recommendations made by Dame Janet Finch on expanding access to scientific research findings, the Research Councils of the UK (RCUK) have agreed that all peer-reviewed papers based on RCUK-funded research must be published on an open access basis from April 2013.

Can the Commission give Parliament an update on the implementation of open access by the other EU Member States and on how it plans to ensure that these policies converge speedily towards the model adopted by the United Kingdom?