

**Question for written answer E-001613/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Scientific grounds for the EU's climate policy

The EU has consistently been pursuing a climate policy based on the gradual decarbonisation of energy. As far back as in 1988, in point 71 of its internal working document on the internal energy market (COM (88) 238 final), the Commission called for the introduction of rules to reduce CO₂ emissions. In its communication of 22 January 2014 (COM(2014) 15 final), the Commission refers to 'further confirmation of the likely impact of human influence on climate change and of the need for substantial and sustained reductions of greenhouse gas emissions to limit further changes in the earth's climate'. This line of thought was backed in a Commission press release of 25 November 2015.

1. What evidence confirming human influence on climate change does the Commission have at its disposal, besides the IPCC document referred to in the aforementioned communication?
2. What evidence refuting human influence on climate change has the Commission assessed, and why did it reject it?
3. On which experts' opinions – be they Commission staff or external consultants – does the Commission rely in its substantive evaluation of the scientific hypotheses asserting or refuting human influence on climate change?