

**Question for written answer E-004955/2016
to the Commission
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Subject: Horizon 2020 open access policies - definitions of open access

The Commission is currently pursuing an open agenda in its research and innovation policy, following the recommendations of the May 2015 Competitiveness Council and the Science 2.0 consultation. This Open Science Agenda will apply to scientific publications, data and results, and touch upon the management and exchange of data. This will have important implications for Horizon 2020, as open access to publications is mandatory and open access to data will be the default option as of 2017. In this context the Commissioner frequently refers to 'open access to data', 'open access to results' and 'open science'. What are the exact definitions for these terms?