

**Question for written answer E-005014/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Open access policies in Horizon 2020 - Open access to publications

With Horizon 2020, open access to publications became mandatory. Two years into its implementation, could you please explain whether open access to publication is guaranteed in all Horizon 2020 projects, even after the actual project lifetime, and whether the Commission differentiates between various scientific disciplines? How can the Commission ensure that researchers do not pay twice to publish their results (journal subscription costs and article publication costs)? Moreover, how can the Commission guarantee that action is undertaken in a coherent way with the different national funding systems? In answering these questions, please also refer to the researcher's overall reactions regarding the mandatory open access to publication so far.