

**Question for written answer E-005016/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Open access policies in Horizon 2020 - Correlation between open access to data and successful innovation

According to the European Cloud Initiative and the Council conclusions of 27 May 2016, the further extension of the approach towards open access to scientific data will be implemented within Horizon 2020. When evaluating the open access concept, what data and observations justify the open access policies of the Commission? Is there any data available explaining the stated correlation between open data policies and an increase in the innovation level and value creation of a certain country resulting in a real added value? In answering this question, please indicate also how open data policies should be in order to protect legitimate commercial interests and how the Commission will ensure that other global competitors take advantage of open data in Europe without ensuring reciprocity?