

**Question for written answer E-005460/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Access to the European open science cloud

So far, no explanation has been given as to what kind of data will be held in the open science cloud, who exactly will have access and under what conditions. Could the Commission give information on the entities that will have access to the cloud and explain whether access will be guaranteed for free, no matter what type of entity? What about access by research centres, research projects and researchers from outside Europe?

Furthermore, it is important that the European open science cloud will be in line with the existing Data Protection Regulation. How will the Commission ensure this, especially as exploitation by private businesses is likely?