

**Question for written answer E-005461/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
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Subject: European open science cloud - Link with high-performing computing

On top of the creation of a European open science cloud, the European cloud initiative also touches upon high-performing computing (HPC) and the need to support the development and deployment of large-scale HPC data and network infrastructure. Could the Commission explain the rationale behind it and how this will support a European open science cloud?