

Question for written answer E-006298/2016
to the Commission
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Subject: Evaluation of Horizon 2020 - Definition of indicators

It is of the utmost importance to have a well-integrated monitoring system to track the results and impact of the framework programme for research and innovation. So far, the Commission has mainly used quantitative indicators, such as the actual number of publications or patents resulting from a research project, in order to determine the success of the programme. This does not seem to be the best approach to ensuring an in-depth evaluation of Horizon 2020. Is the Commission considering quantitative as well as qualitative indicators for the future evaluation of Horizon 2020? If it is planning to use qualitative indicators for the evaluation of the programme, should those not be in line with the overall political goals of the European Union, allowing for an assessment of how Horizon 2020 research supports EU goals as such?