

**Question for written answer E-005160/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Revision of EU rules on state aid for research and innovation

The Bird & Bird study on the effectiveness of EU rules on state aid for research, development and innovation commissioned by the European Commission and published in April 2017 states that the existing EU rules on state aid for RDI are overly restrictive and do not take sufficient account of the particular nature of RDI activities, which has a negative impact on innovation. The Commission's High-Level Expert Group monitoring simplification for beneficiaries of ESI Funds (Kallas Group) has also recently published a report calling for clearer and more proportional state aid rules when applied to EU regional funds.

In line with these conclusions, what measures are DG RTD, DG COMP and DG REGIO planning to put in place to address these concerns? What is the timetable for the implementation of these measures and for the next revision of the EU rules on state aid for research and innovation?