

**Question for written answer E-006304/2017
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: Criteria for joining PESCO

In accordance with the European Council conclusions of 22 and 23 June 2017, the deadline for defining the criteria for joining the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) and the binding obligations on Member States wishing to accede to the agreement was the end of September 2017. In that connection, what progress has been made in defining the criteria, and how they are to be determined? Has the Council decided what the PESCO management rules will be? Will the countries taking part in the initiative have an equal say on how the cooperation develops, i.e. on the choice of research programmes and projects?