

**Question for written answer E-004078/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Data access in the agriculture sector

With the development of precision farming, data access is becoming increasingly important for the agricultural sector. While some of these data are collected using tools in the field, they are also produced by the many satellites orbiting the Earth, including those funded by the European Union as part of its space policy. At European level, three space programmes could provide support to the agricultural sector. One of the main programmes in this context would be the earth observation programme Copernicus, which collects information that could be applied to help understanding climate change, biomass evolution and water management.

Does the Commission plan further investment in these programmes and to use them to support data access within the agriculture sector?