

**Question for written answer E-002712/2022**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Timing of the Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe evaluations

The outcome of an evidence-based process is only as good as the quality of the evidence delivered. In the case of the evidence-based evaluation of the EU Framework Programmes, public consultation is a central part of the evidence gathering process. Therefore, wide participation in the public consultations is of crucial importance for the success of such evaluation processes. Furthermore, the quality and completeness of the public's input will determine the usefulness of the evaluation. The call for evidence for the Horizon 2020 ex post evaluation and the Horizon Europe mid-term evaluation will only be open in July 2022.

1. Does the Commission agree with the above assessment on the importance of public consultation in the evaluation process?
2. Why did it choose to schedule a short call for evidence in July, considering how many people are on holiday, including key beneficiary communities of Horizon Europe?
3. What number of responses does it consider to be sufficient for the call to deliver high-quality evidence for the evaluation process?