## Question for written answer E-002714/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Christian Ehler (PPE)

Subject: Distribution of technology readiness levels in Horizon Europe work programmes

The foundation for success in innovation today is based, at least in part, on investments made in lower technology readiness levels (TRL) research years ago. Not investing in lower TRL research therefore carries a very significant opportunity cost in the future which is often not clear at the original time.

- 1. As a percentage of the total budget allocated so far under Pillar II of Horizon Europe, how much has been allocated to collaborative research projects covering TRLs 1-3, and how does this compare to Horizon 2020?
- 2. How much has been allocated to low TRLs (1-3) in the call topics in the field covered by European Partnerships?
- 3. What are the plans for TRL distribution in the next work programme in order to ensure a balanced portfolio approach?