

**Question for written answer E-000149/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Analysis to determine scope of New Zealand's association to Horizon Europe

Regarding the association of New Zealand to Horizon Europe, the Commission decided that the scope of association would be limited to Pillar II of Horizon Europe. Article 16(3) of the Horizon Europe Regulation¹ requires that the scope of association of each third country to the programme take into account an analysis of the benefits for the EU and the objective of driving economic growth in the EU through innovation. By specifically referencing the need for the analysis to cover economic growth through innovation, the co-legislators emphasised the importance of that specific benefit.

1. With regard to the association of New Zealand, what methodologies and data did the Commission rely on for the analysis required by Article 16(3)?
2. In the required analysis, which potential benefits did the Commission consider?
3. In its analysis, how did the Commission put emphasis on economic growth through innovation?

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¹ Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013 (OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1).