

**Question for written answer E-000790/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: European cooperation with Russia in science and space

Russia's financial resources and investment in science continue to grow, making it capable of prolonging the war in Ukraine. More recently, in February 2024, there were reports in the media that Russia is also increasing its nuclear capabilities in space. Russian scientists have long had access to EU programmes, and the Russian space agency Roskosmos had formal cooperation and partnership agreements with the European Space Agency. It is therefore now important to ensure that Russia has no access to European scientific resources and academic databases. In Russia, science is just another tool used in the war against Ukraine and, in the future, it may also be used against the rest of Europe. Europe can no longer afford to contribute in any form to cooperation with Russian science.

Could the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. What is the current status of EU-Russia cooperation in science and space?
2. Do Russian scientific organisations still have access to research funding under EU-run programmes?
3. Would the Commission consider proposing sectoral sanctions against the Russian space industry, including Roskosmos, and against individuals who contribute to the development of military science?

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