

**Priority question for written answer P-000332/2022  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Avoiding a funding gap for the Copernicus Earth observation programme

The post-Brexit EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement provides for the UK's participation in the Copernicus Earth observation programme. A lack of progress in the ongoing discussions is raising questions about the source of the EUR 750 million that is supposed to be available if all agreements are honoured.

As this still seems to be a point under debate, the Commission has the resources to provide a safety net and ensure the programme's funding, regardless of the UK's participation.

In the light of this:

1. Please describe the actions that the Commission is currently taking to avoid a funding gap in the Copernicus programme.
2. What are the Commission's options if the talks with the UK do not result in a satisfactory outcome?