

**Question for written answer E-014513/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Horizon 2020 Framework Programme

On 14 October the Commission launched its work programme for 2016-2017 regarding the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme.

The success rate of projects submitted under Horizon 2020 calls for proposals stands at around 12.5%.

Potential beneficiaries of those funds commit time and resources in developing and preparing the projects they submit.

There is still a widespread lack of information on EU funding opportunities, participation procedures and the project selection criteria applied by evaluators.

Given the above, and the fact that it is the duty of the EU institutions to get closer to meeting the needs of citizens and businesses, in order to bridge the democratic deficit:

- will the Commission review the Horizon 2020 guidelines in order to make them simpler and easier to understand by potential beneficiaries?
- Will it also step up its efforts to ensure that information activities relating to EU funds reach EU citizens effectively, across nations and regions?