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There is currently a wide political consensus that innovation is crucial for Europe's future. The European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI), the Commission's main instrument for achieving growth and jobs, will focus its financing on infrastructure and innovation. In the meantime, according to the Commission roadmap for Horizon 2020, the EU research and innovation programme, the interim evaluation of the programme will start in the third quarter of 2016. Considering that Horizon 2020 was adopted well before the establishment of EFSI and even before the appointment of the Juncker Commission:

1. What measures does the Commission plan to take in order to enhance the innovation elements in Horizon 2020 for the post interim evaluation period?
2. How will the Commission ensure the coordination of innovation funding between EFSI and the numerous innovation schemes and tools in Horizon 2020?
3. What measures will the Commission take in order to assess how a European Innovation Council, an umbrella programme channelling all EU innovation funding, could help attract the top European innovators?