

**Question for written answer E-014712/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Switching of competence for the Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) from the Research portfolio to the Education, Culture, Youth and Sport portfolio

As the Commission's internal scientific service, the Joint Research Centre (JRC), and particularly its site in Ispra (Varese) and the scientific institutes it houses, has always provided excellent independent scientific and technical support for EU policies based on the scientific evidence it produces. Over the years, the JRC has successfully established partnerships across Europe with a vast number of public and private bodies under the EU's framework programmes for research, the most recent of which is Horizon 2020.

Since research and development (R&D) activities are crucial to the EU's competitiveness and one of the key objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy is to ensure that as much as 3% of EU GDP is devoted to R&D, can the Commission indicate how it will continue to use the scientific work done by the JRC to further the development of the EU's policies and to achieve the EU's objectives?