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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 133 of the Rules of Procedure on vaccination against shingles

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on vaccination against shingles

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,
- having regard to Rule 133 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas shingles is a viral infection which can lead to neurological complications; whereas its prevalence in Europe is 2.2 to 4.6 cases per 1 000, but from 7 to 8 cases per 1 000 in people aged over 50; and whereas from the age of 65 the risk of contracting shingles increases by 1.2 times every five years;
- B. whereas the proportion of people aged over 65 in the European Union is expected to reach 28.7% in 2080, compared with 18.5% in 2014 (Eurostat);
- C. whereas a vaccine which received marketing authorisation on 19 May 2006 has 'proven to be effective in terms of reducing the incidence, duration and severity of pain of shingles by 61.1%' (Inpes 2012);
- D. whereas some Member States do have vaccination schedules but vaccination is not systematic throughout the European Union;
- 1. Calls on the Commission to issue recommendations on vaccination against shingles for people over the age of 65.

