

**Question for written answer E-004419/2011  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Research and awareness raising on epilepsy

Epilepsy is a medical condition affecting one per cent of teenagers in Europe, yet medical knowledge and public awareness of the condition remain limited. Globally, a full 40 per cent of sufferers do not receive the right medical treatment and in most cases the cause of the condition cannot be identified. More funding is needed at the European level for medical research and more can be done to raise awareness. What opportunities does the Commission make available for researchers of this and other conditions and for groups that seek to raise awareness?