

**Question for written answer E-006450/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Young people and psychoactive substances

From the Eurobarometer findings of 21 August it unmistakeably emerges that young people are increasingly ill-informed about drugs in general and new psychoactive substances in particular.

One-quarter of young people in the 15-24 age group are unaware that psychoactive euphorants, many of which are being sold legally, produce the same effects as cocaine, ecstasy and amphetamines. The number of users of such substances is constantly increasing (up by 60% in three years).

Modern awareness-raising programmes are now being launched on Internet, which provides the principal source of information concerning new, legally available psychoactive substances.

In view of this:

- Has the Commission evaluated the information campaigns funded by it to raise awareness among young people regarding new legal psychoactive substances in particular and is it planning to widen the scope thereof, earmarking additional funding for measures producing tangible results?
- Will it take any measures to restrict online access for juveniles (as with pornography, for example), this being a frequent channel for the supply of such dangerous substances?
- What progress has been made with the proposal for a regulation on new psychoactive substances? Has a timescale been established for the completion thereof?