

**Question for written answer E-006877/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Notis Marias (ECR)

Subject: Cuts in preventive screening in Greece for types of cancer covered by the National Organisation for the Provision of Health Services (EOPYY)

The EU Strategy 'Together for Health' supports the broader 'Europe 2020' strategy. It was within this framework that the **Third Programme for the Union's Action in the Field of Health (2014-2020) (Regulation (EU) No 282/2014)** was drawn up. This programme is intended to help prevent disease in all its forms (primary, secondary and tertiary prevention) throughout the lifetimes of EU citizens, foster good health and promote supportive environments for healthy lifestyles.

In Greece, however, where the welfare state has been seriously damaged due to the implementation of the Memoranda, a recent ministerial decree has imposed cuts in preventive screening covered by the EOPYY in respect of serious forms of cancer such as cervical, breast and prostate cancer. This decision, which the Greek medical community has declared to be incompatible with modern scientific requirements, excludes Greek citizens from primary care, leaving them exposed to serious health risks.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

Is it aware of this decision by the ruling coalition in Greece? How will it respond to such practices which are contrary to the above EU Health Strategy?