

**Question for written answer E-006973/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Obesity among European citizens

An average of 17 % of adults in the Member States are obese. 52 % of Europeans are overweight or obese: every other adult, and one in three children.

The Commission has adopted a European strategy to tackle nutrition-, overweight- and obesity-related health issues.

The strategy has recently been subjected to an independent external assessment aimed at gauging its effectiveness and determining the extent to which it leads to people opting for a healthier lifestyle.

However, in spite of the conclusions of the report, which support pursuing the strategy and implementing its provisions, obesity in Europe is still increasing at an alarming rate.

1. Should we not be redoubling our efforts in view of this state of affairs?
2. The Commission has defined target groups (children and disadvantaged socio-economic groups). What strategy has been drawn up to ensure that these target groups benefit?