

**Question for written answer E-009749/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Conditions for elderly psychiatric patients in Romania

According to information from a Danish voluntary association, Hjaelp de aeldre i Rumaenien, and its chair, Laila Christensen, the conditions in the psychiatric hospitals in Romania require special attention.

The Danish association is particularly concerned with poor, elderly citizens, but the negative situation applies to psychiatric patients of all age groups. In these hospitals, 25-30 patients share the same dormitory and the treatment is, at best, inadequate. There is absolutely no privacy.

Evidence is difficult to obtain, as taking photos inside the hospitals is prohibited.

1. Is the Commission aware of this situation?
2. What action is the Commission taking to improve the situation of vulnerable groups in Romania?
3. How can the Commission, via its delegation to Romania, verify the conditions in the psychiatric hospitals?