

**Question for written answer E-010115/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: 1 December: World AIDS Day

The 2009 Commission Communication entitled 'Combating HIV/AIDS in the European Union and neighbouring countries, 2009-2013' identifies the conditions for helping to reduce the number of new infections and improving the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS. The fact is that the data from the ECDC and WHO 2013 report on monitoring of HIV/AIDS infections show that 29,157 new cases of HIV were reported in that year in the 30 EU and EEA countries. Of these, Portugal is the country with the fourth highest rate of diagnosis (10.4). According to data from the National Institute of Health Dr Ricardo Jorge, three cases per day were diagnosed in the past year in Portugal, the majority of the new cases being found in heterosexuals and a large percentage in young people aged 17/18.

1. Does the Commission consider that continuation in 2014-2016 of the 2009-2013 plan of action, which proved ineffective, is an adequate response to this issue?
2. What other measures is it planning to propose?