

**Question for written answer E-001355/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Health fund for infants and children suffering from serious diseases

European solidarity is one of the pillars of the European Union, which has been repeatedly confirmed in many cases.

However, diversity and a large financial disproportion of national health systems, especially among newer members, often prevent effective treatment of severe diseases in babies and small children because health systems simply lack adequate financial resources, and parents of affected babies and children do not have the means for an effective treatment. For these reasons, people in Croatia have often resorted to media campaigns to help a sick baby or child.

Since I trust that it should be possible to create a specific health fund at the European level for cases of serious illness in babies and children, I ask the Commission if it has envisaged some such fund as a source of financial assistance to parents with a sick baby or child?