Question for written answer E-001616/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Gabriel Mato (PPE) and Carlos Iturgaiz (PPE)

Subject: Physical education in the EU

Physical education and sport play an important role in our society. In its White Paper on sport and its Guidelines on health-enhancing physical activity, the EU identifies the target of encouraging increased physical activity among young people as a means of improving public health and fostering the associated values of fair play, respect and cooperation.

Under a new competence introduced under the Lisbon Treaty, the EU is now able to develop its own specific policy on sport, taking account of its social and educational function.

What action is the Commission taking to promote physical education in schools?

What strategy has the EU adopted to ensure that physical education is increasingly incorporated into public health policy?

How is physical education being tied in with the EU's educational programmes, in particular Erasmus+?

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