

**Question for written answer E-001955/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: Endometriosis

Ten years ago Parliament issued a written statement on endometriosis in which it urged the Member State Governments and the Commission to promote information and awareness-raising campaigns on the disease and called for its inclusion in EU prevention programmes, which would facilitate a more extensive investigation.

The association of endometriosis sufferers in my Autonomous Community has since expressed concerns over the failure to make any progress in the intervening period. Despite the fact that millions of women in the EU are affected by this disease, it can take up to eight-and-a-half years to diagnose, and there is a clear shortage of information and awareness-raising initiatives and funding for such schemes.

1. What action does the Commission intend to take to tackle endometriosis?
2. Does it intend to launch any information or awareness-raising campaigns at EU level or to call on the Member States to do so in their own countries?
3. Could it state what resources have been earmarked to ensure that the targets outlined in the statement issued by Parliament are met?