

**Question for written answer E-002582/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Legalising marijuana

The legalisation of cannabis for medical purposes is a ubiquitous topic in the Member States these days. The distribution of medical marijuana is legal in 10 Member States, and it is a burning issue in the other Member States.

Marijuana has been used for thousands of years in traditional medicine and has been proven to relieve the symptoms of many serious illnesses, from multiple sclerosis and AIDS to chemotherapy side effects, epilepsy and cancer. The medical effectiveness of marijuana has been proven and accepted in many countries, and perhaps it is not sufficiently effective to allow each Member State to decide independently on this matter, given that decisions – while they may be taken on the basis of reports from national experts – are often taken on the basis of political interests and individual opinions.

Has the Commission carried out a comprehensive study into the effectiveness and benefits of medical marijuana?

In what way is this issue – which is not only political, but indeed multifaceted – being addressed in the EU Member States? Has the Commission issued any directives or recommendations to the Member States on this issue?