

**Question for written answer E-003117/2015  
to the Commission  
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**Subject:** Alarming rise in deaths from cancer in developing countries

The World Health Organization has alerted the international community to the fact that a majority of deaths from cancer occur in the developing countries. Thus of the 14.1 million new cases of cancer in 2012, 8 million were recorded in regions of the developing world and these ratios will only rise in years to come.

Experts are unanimous in their opinion that a large number of these deaths could be avoided if there were experienced medical professionals available in these countries. The lack of health facilities and medical staff leads to late diagnosis and treatment, and to deaths which could have been avoided. A very high number of doctors from these developing countries come now to European universities to train and then choose to pursue their medical career in Europe. This has alarming consequences as medical staff thus abandon the developing countries, which only have a very few cancer specialists.

In view of this very worrying situation, what measures will the Commission take to encourage and help young doctors from the developing countries, who have qualified in Europe, to pursue their careers in their countries of origin and thus alleviate this shortage?