

**Question for written answer E-007910/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Treatment of fibromyalgia in the EU

On 12 May we mark International Fibromyalgia Awareness Day. Fibromyalgia is an illness which affects some 14 million people in the EU. Written Declaration 0069/2008, approved by Parliament on 13 January 2009, requested the Commission and the Council to develop a Community strategy on this syndrome, in order for it to be recognised at European level as an illness and to merit the relevant attention.

The improvement of treatment has done away with the generalised research-based articles of recent years and brought in a stage of support for projects which advance treatments and diagnostic tests. Greater visibility and awareness are also required for this problem, which affects women in particular.

In Spain alone, over a million people may suffer from this condition, which can present in isolation or associated with other illnesses and is marked by a condition of generalised, chronic pain.

1. What measures has the Commission taken to promote its recognition as an illness and to improve the medical services available to sufferers?
2. What measures is it planning to adopt to improve the daily life of patients and to ensure effective, scientifically valid and agreed care in Member States?