## Question for written answer E-010913/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Gabriel Mato (PPE) and Carlos Iturgaiz (PPE)

## Subject: Medical assistance for young Europeans

According to a recent study, in 2013 4 % of young people in the EU were unable to meet all their medical needs. For almost half of those, this was due to the fact that medical services were too expensive or too far away or that waiting lists were too long. In addition, more than 1 % of young people felt that medical services were too expensive, and 1 % preferred to wait to see if the problem cleared up by itself.

This data demonstrates that differences in access to medical care still exist and need to be eradicated. In order to achieve this, action is needed not only from the Member States but also the EU, which must also work towards establishing equal medical assistance throughout Europe.

What action is the Commission planning to take to combat inequality and ensure that no young Europeans are deprived of the medical assistance they require?