

**Question for written answer E-000277/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Credibility of reporting and reports by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

According to figures from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), one case of Anthrax was recorded in 2015 in the EU (in Bulgaria)<sup>1</sup>, while the anthrax case in Slovenia<sup>2</sup> is not mentioned. This raises questions about the credibility of reporting by the ECDC.

Given that accurate reporting is key to successful protection and to tackling and preventing the spread of communicable disease, could the Commission explain:

1. Why the case in question was not recorded?
2. What it intends to do to prevent anything similar happening in future?
3. How the public can be confident that information published by the ECDC is up to date and credible?

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<sup>1</sup> <http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/anthrax/Pages/news.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> <http://imss.dz-rs.si/imis/ff21585cb18f539b9cf3.pdf>