Question for written answer E-001915/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 José Blanco López (S&D)

Subject: European Sexual Health Day

14 February is European Sexual Health Day. The World Health Organisation (WHO) defines, in line with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, the right to sexual and reproductive health as 'a state of physical, emotional, mental and social well-being in relation to sexuality; it is not merely the absence of disease, dysfunction or infirmity.'

The WHO is running programmes to combat HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted infections in countries ravaged by diseases which lack the means to address them.

Much, however, remains to be done to improve sex education and to raise awareness of and protect people against all forms of sexual or gender-based violence.

What information and prevention campaigns is the Commission currently implementing, and with what results, both in the EU and beyond? Are they being run in coordination with activities undertaken by the Member States? What budgetary resources have been allocated to these efforts?

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