

**Question for written answer E-002529/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Hazardous chemicals

In a statement in March, the Women in Europe for a Common Future (WECF) NGO network stressed that women are particularly vulnerable to hazardous chemicals and must be better protected, pointing out that women, children and men have different exposure routes. The statement adds that everyone is exposed daily to chemicals with damaging effects on health (including possibly chronic diseases) and the environment. Among the sectors given as examples are textiles, agriculture and beauty salons.

Does the Commission have specific data about the exposure at work, specifically of women, to toxic or potentially toxic substances in the EU?

Does the Commission intend to address this issue and to provide a safer environment for workers?