

**Question for written answer E-003659/2016
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Subject: Discrimination against people suffering from obesity

According to country estimates in 2008, over 50 % of both men and women in the WHO European Region were overweight and approximately 23 % of women and 20 % of men were obese. The current rates have increased dramatically in the last few years.

In the majority of European countries, overweight and obesity is responsible for many cases of medical complications such as: pulmonary disease, cancer, psychological problems, stroke, cataracts, osteoarthritis, gout, liver disease and coronary heart disease. It is clear that obesity, as a disease should have a priority in European research, innovations and long-term support system.

In order to remove the cloud of stigma, what programs and concrete action plans are in place to combat discrimination against people suffering from obesity?