

**Question for written answer E-004128/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Outbreak of enterovirus in Catalonia

In Catalonia more than 45 serious cases of enterovirus –most likely type A71– resulting in neurological complications, have been observed in children under the age of four.

Some of the affected children had to be admitted into intensive care, and one girl became quadriplegic, showing the seriousness of this outbreak.

1. Is the Commission aware of any similar cases and/or outbreaks of the infection in other Member States recently? Could it provide information on them?
2. Does the Commission plan to take the initiative, working with the relevant health authorities, of setting up a dedicated surveillance network reporting cases of enterovirus that are independent of poliovirus? If such a network already exists, what steps will it take to strengthen it and make it more effective?