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Subject: European strategy against diabetes

More than 300 000 deaths a year in Europe are caused by diabetes, making it the fourth biggest killer in most developed countries. It affects 32 million Europeans and many others are thought to have impaired glucose tolerance, which is considered a pre-diabetic state.

The number of cases is on the rise, having increased from 4.9% of the adult population in 2000 to 9.1% in 2015, and it is estimated that by 2030 it will have reached 16.6%. In Spain, 13.8% of the adult population, meaning more than 5.5 million people, are diabetic.

World Diabetes Day 2016 (14 November) focused on patients' eyesight and on the need for early diagnosis. It is estimated that half of those living with diabetes have not been diagnosed, despite 10% of European health budgets being spent on the condition.

Parliament has, on several occasions, called for a European strategy against diabetes to improve prevention, early diagnosis and research. Does the Commission intend to launch a European strategy against diabetes?