

**Question for written answer E-008631/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: European legislation on and research into the prevention and treatment of Lyme borreliosis (Lyme disease)

According to a factsheet on borreliosis recently published by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control for the attention of health professionals, 'areas for further research include more detailed knowledge of the ecological aspects of Lyme borreliosis on a local, regional and EU scale, including distribution and prevalence of pathogenic and non-pathogenic genospecies, and more data on the epidemiology of Lyme borreliosis. Further improvements in diagnostic tests are also required.'

Patients' associations are also calling for proper recognition of the disease and for European research funding to develop standardised tests and for GP training, which is still inadequate in most Member States.

Is the Commission prepared to fund this basic research needed at European level, as well as the research required to devise standardised European tests, develop treatment and drugs and train the European Medical Corps?