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to the Commission**
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Subject: Tuberculosis vaccination in Europe

Vaccination against tuberculosis no longer figures in the vaccination programmes of many European Union Member States.

However, the World Health Organization (WHO) reports that 340 000 new cases of tuberculosis were notified in Europe in 2014.

Migration flows constitute an additional risk factor. According to the WHO, most migrants are travelling from regions where the incidence of tuberculosis is equal to or higher than 40 per 100 000 ('high incidence') to regions where tuberculosis incidence is below 20 per 100 000. Hence, according to the WHO, up to 70 % of the tuberculosis cases diagnosed in Europe originated from outside of Europe.

Moreover, antibiotic resistance is making treatment of tuberculosis difficult. The WHO says that Europe is the region in the world with the highest incidence of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis.

In view of the fact that migration flows are likely to cause the incidence of tuberculosis to rise considerably, on the one hand, and of the increasing problems in treating this disease on the other, will the Commission recommend that Member States include vaccination against tuberculosis in their vaccination schedules?