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to the Commission**

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Subject: Improving family care practices

The post-natal infant mortality rate in Europe rises gradually from West to East, generally due to respiratory illness, bad nutrition choices or deficient healthcare during the first year. According to the World Health Organisation, annual infant deaths have fallen from 8.9 million in 1990 to 4.5 million in 2015, but this figure is still high and is due to bad parental habits or poor parental education. Young parents need access to solid knowledge, support and basic supplies in order to prevent post-natal infant mortality, especially of infants under 1 year old.

What measures have been taken to prevent and combat this phenomenon?

What is the Commission's child health approach to reducing infant mortality and reinforcing good habits for infant care?