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to the Commission**
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Subject: Mental health in the EU

According to the World Health Organisation, neuropsychiatric disorders – including depression, drug or alcohol addiction, anxiety and eating disorders – account for 26% of deaths in EU Member States. Fifty percent of sick leave in the EU is taken for mental health reasons, very often for depression, which goes untreated in half of all cases.

The EU has already taken measures to tackle the disorders: it ran the Joint Action on Mental Health and Wellbeing (2013-2016) and set up the EU-Compass database. Despite those efforts, the conclusions of the annual EU-Compass Forum, held in June 2017, brought to light how much progress has yet to be made in the mental health field in the Union. Participants highlighted, above all, the lack of coordination between key mental health actors at EU level and the need to communicate with citizens on the subject.

What is the Commission's position on the forum's conclusions? Will it step u measures to tackle psychiatric and psychological disorders in the Union?