

**Question for written answer E-002275/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Access to contraception in the EU

A recent study entitled 'Contraception Atlas'¹ shows that there are serious and widening disparities in access, choice and quality when it comes to contraception methods in the EU. While the EU supports access to contraception externally, such as through financial support to the UN Population Fund's Supplies programme, there is a lack of urgency and coherence on the matter in the EU itself. This is all the more worrying in the light of the backsliding on women's rights and access to contraception in some Member States. Given the above:

1. Does the Commission agree that access to contraception is a vital part of any public health policy, in particular to safeguard sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR)?
2. How will it ensure equal access to contraception for everyone across the EU, through both policy measures and funding, including the EU Health Programme?
3. Does it consider it necessary to update the EU health strategy to promote access to contraception across the EU?

¹ <https://www.contraceptioninfo.eu/node/7>