

Question for written answer E-002371/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Prevention of cyber-addiction

In June, with the publication of its eleventh International Classification of Diseases (ICD) list, the World Health Organisation (WHO) will officially recognise addiction to computer games as an illness.

Generally, screen addiction, addiction to new technologies or cyber-addiction, is not recognised as an illness in and of itself. This, even though it has taken on rather worrying proportions in our societies, especially among children and adolescents. It is believed to be at the root of musculoskeletal and visual disorders, obesity, psychological problems and a tendency towards isolation.

Does the Commission plan to present a strategy or recommendation on the prevention of cyber-dependency as it has done for other forms of addiction, such as on-line gambling?