

**Question for written answer E-002616/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Common European approach to oral health

Oral health is integral to the general health of citizens in the EU. Poor oral health impacts not only on quality of life, but also on society and health systems as a whole through associated economic costs. Dental decay is the most common non-communicable disease in Europe. There is a need to create a common European approach for improved oral health outcomes, through research, education, promotion and access to care.

There also needs to be access to consistent oral health data that would make it easier to identify what action is needed at pan-European and Member State level to prevent associated chronic disease, promote healthy living and protect the health of EU citizens.

Would the Commission move towards creating a common European approach which would develop data that could assist policymakers in making informed decisions that better target the oral health needs of their own populations and the broader set of diseases that are inextricably linked to oral health?