

**Question for written answer E-002944/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: CSDP missions and post-traumatic stress disorder

As the European Union steps up its foreign and security policy efforts, there are an increasing number of military personnel deployed on common security and defence policy (CSDP) missions. Between 6 % and 15 % of returning military personnel are diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD) immediately or several years after their return from missions abroad. Currently, the diagnosis and treatment as well as research on military PTSD remains fragmented along national lines throughout the EU.

Given the ongoing debate on whether the European Union, the Member States or both have a duty of care towards deployed and returned military personnel, the Commission is asked the following:

1. Does the Commission see the duty of care towards deployed military personnel as resting with the Member States, or does it believe this is the responsibility of the European Union?
2. If the answer to the above is that it lies with the Member States, would the Commission be nevertheless willing to work towards more harmonisation and standardisation in the diagnosis and treatment of PTSD as well as promote joint research on the topic of military PTSD?