

**Question for written answer E-003866/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Road map for research into mental health in Europe

According to a study¹, close to 165 million people in the European Union suffer from some kind of mental disorder related to anxiety, mood or other cause. It has, as a matter of fact, been calculated that 30.3 million people in the EU suffer from severe depression. In 2013 the Commission estimated that the costs at EU-27 level of job-related mental illnesses came close to EUR 610 billion. However, financial support for research and development of products to help treat and resolve these disorders is still far from what it should be.

- 1) What priority will the Commission give in the next multiannual financial framework to combating mental illness?
- 2) Which recommendations from the Seventh Framework Programme funded Roamer programme has the Commission implemented to date?
- 3) What steps has the Commission taken to develop new forms of treatment that may lessen the social impact mental disorders have on individuals, families and society in general?

¹ <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.15252/embr.201642951>