

**Question for written answer E-004867/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Mireille D'Ornano (EFDD)**

Subject: Combating Dupuytren's contracture

Dupuytren's contracture is a condition of the hand that is characterised by gradual and permanent flexing of one or more fingers. The cause is not known, though genetics seems to be a factor; the condition must be detected at a very early stage and treated so that any operation can be performed at the right time. The fact is that many French citizens and nationals of other EU countries know absolutely nothing about this condition; and yet, according to studies, it affects 4-10% of the population and may have major consequences for people with the condition (in some cases as early as age 40 onwards).

1. Does the Commission intend taking part in a campaign to inform the public about Dupuytren's contracture and about the need for early detection and treatment?
2. What EU-supported research programmes are there for gaining an understanding of the mechanisms underlying this condition and for combating it?