

**Question for written answer E-000950/2019
to the Commission**
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Subject: Gender medicine in Europe

Traditional medicine is undergoing a radical change in the form of an innovative approach which aims to study the impact of gender and all its associated (biological, environmental, cultural and socio-economic) variables on physiology, physiopathology and clinical aspects of diseases. There is ever more talk of 'gender medicine', the aim of which is to assess the mechanisms through which the differences associated with gender affect one's state of health and the onset and course of a host of diseases, as well as responses to treatment. For instance, cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death in women, which is a striking statistic, and yet the true extent of the risk they pose is being underestimated both by the medical community and by women themselves.

In the light of the above, can the Commission:

- 1) State what actions have been undertaken at a European level to steer health campaigns, establish specific channels and organise training procedures in respect of gender medicine and focus research on it?
- 2) State what actions have been undertaken to develop and disseminate greater awareness of gender medicine, while also providing professional training and courses for experts in this field?
- 3) Give an overview of gender medicine in Europe?