

**Question for written answer E-002129/2019
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: EU action plan on mental health

In answer to our Written Question E-000547-19 on an EU action plan on mental health, the Commission states that the new Steering Group on 'Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non Communicable Diseases' has 'decided that mental health would be the priority area for best practice selection in 2019' and that 'the Commission will also help Member States and stakeholders to support the implementation of the best practices at national level through potential EU funding opportunities'.

While we warmly welcome this decision, we are of the opinion that a dedicated EU action plan, which would provide a framework for action at national level – both for best practice selection and for effective exchange and implementation of such practices in other countries – would be a logical and much-needed follow-up to the Commission's earlier activities in the area of mental health. Similar action has already successfully been taken in the areas of rare disorders and cancer.

Does the Commission agree with the above?

Could the Steering Group possibly look into the potential content and feasibility of such an action plan?