

**Question for written answer E-002495/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Measures to tackle female genital mutilation (FGM)

Female genital mutilation (FGM) affects at least 500 000 women and girls in Europe. Eliminating the practice will require both the enactment of adequate and comprehensive policies and the commitment of those communities affected.

- Will the Commission comment on the importance of ensuring that professionals receive training on FGM in order to provide better support for women and girls affected, particularly for those working in refugee centres, in medical professions and in education?
- Will the Commission ensure that discussions on EU projects and budgets earmarked to combat violence against women involve the affected communities and acknowledge the role of grassroots organisations and activists in ending FGM?