

**Question for written answer E-002499/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Lyme disease

Lyme disease is among the most common zoonotic diseases in Europe. The number of those infected is estimated at between 650 000 and 800 000.

Infected ticks and the disease are spreading geographically, with a significant increase in the number of cases even being reported in Ireland. The changing climate is suspected to be one of the contributory factors to the rise in diagnosed cases of the disease.

In 2018, Parliament passed a resolution on Lyme disease which included a call on Member States to establish an information and awareness campaign to alert their populations and all those concerned to the existence of Lyme disease, and inviting Member States to call on the Commission's logistical support if needed.

1. Can the Commission give a detailed report of actions carried out since the resolution was passed?
2. Can the Commission give information on what awareness campaigns, if any, it has provided assistance with?
3. Can the Commission comment on the actions being taken at European level since the parliamentary resolution to address the rising numbers of people becoming infected?