

**Question for oral answer O-000129/2018  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission's failure to take urgent measures on endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs)

On 7 November 2018 the Commission published a communication entitled 'Towards a comprehensive European Union framework on endocrine disruptors' to update the 1999 Strategy. This should be the response to the 7th EAP commitment to minimise exposure to EDCs by 2015 and the December 2016 Council conclusions calling on the Commission to finally act on harmful chemicals, including EDCs, but the 11-page document fails to address the urgent need to protect EU citizens against the wide exposure to EDCs, in particular the most vulnerable populations, including children.

Several Member States have now adopted their own national strategies on EDCs.

The Commission communication fails to propose concrete precautionary measures to tackle the urgent health issues identified, or to close legal loopholes identified under the review processes already undertaken; instead, it proposes yet another fitness check.

When will the Commission come up with an action plan to set in motion the broad proposals outlined in the communication and stop delaying the implementation of effective measures?

What are the plans to avoid the fitness check leading to further delay in taking action, given that reviews of relevant legislation have already been undertaken?

What concrete actions are planned to protect the most vulnerable groups?

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