

**Question for written answer P-007978/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Coordination on Ebola in the EU

Ebola first emerged in 1976, and in 2014 we are witnessing the worst outbreak in the history of the disease. At the end of March, 111 cases and 79 deaths had been recorded in Guinea. Six months later, the most recent WHO report refers to 8 376 cases and 4 033 deaths. The disease has spread to Liberia, Nigeria, Senegal and Sierra Leone, with isolated cases occurring in the United States and Spain.

Even though scientists consider it highly unlikely that the case of the Spanish nurse or other similar cases could lead to outbreaks in Western countries, the 2014 outbreak is different in that it is affecting urban areas with a higher population density. It is the first to affect entire countries, and the first in which the virus is also being diagnosed outside Africa.

1. Does the Commission consider it advisable to conduct a European-level review of existing protocols and procedures for dealing with cases of this kind?
2. What urgent measures have been adopted to prevent the occurrence of fresh cases in the EU, and how is the action taken by Member State authorities being coordinated?
3. What extraordinary funds are available to meet any needs that may arise?