

**Question for written answer P-013839/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Virginité checks on girls and women in Europe

In recent days media reports in Sweden have revealed how Sweden's health service is infringing the rights of girls and women by carrying out 'virginité checks' and issuing 'virginité certificates'. In the past, the Commission has condemned virginité checks in Indonesia and Egypt, but despite the fact that similar checks are being carried out in Europe (besides Sweden, similar cases have been brought to light in France, Italy and Spain), I have not heard any reactions from the EU institutions. With that in mind:

Does the Commission intend to allocate funding to allow a map to be drawn up showing the situation with regard to virginité checks on women and girls in the EU?

Does the Commission intend to bring in legislation in the EU specifically prohibiting virginité checks? Is the Commission considering any other measures?