

ORAL QUESTION O-0000/07

pursuant to Rule 108 of the Rules of Procedure

by Miroslav Ouzký, on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety
to the Commission

Subject: Combating cancer in the enlarged European Union

Cancer is a very complex set of diseases and a major health burden which is set to increase as the European population ages and more and more people survive other diseases. It is accounting for over 1 million deaths in the EU each year.

- When does the Commission plan to follow up on the actions from the Europe against Cancer Program by adopting a Recommendation for a comprehensive cancer control strategy addressing the four basic cancer control factors: prevention, early detection, diagnosis, treatment and care, including palliative care?
- Given that over half of cancers are rare, what are the Commission's plans to propose the setting up of reference networks for rare and difficult to treat cancers, supported by Structural Funds and the Community Framework Research Programmes under the patient mobility proposals?
- Given that Cancer Screening saves lives what plans does the Commission have to update and strengthen existing screening recommendations?

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