

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1371/03
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to the Commission

Subject: Introduction of the European health insurance card from 1 July 2004

Some Member States have had the negative experience of the misuse of cards of this type. I know this to be the case at least in Germany, where it is estimated that illegal electronic chip cards have been used to defraud health insurance funds of around EUR 1 000 m (Bayernkurier, 13 March 2003).

What precautions has the Commission taken to protect the European health insurance card from forgery and to prevent its abuse when used in another Member State?