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Subject: Promotion of sport in the Member States

The number of teaching hours devoted to physical education has fallen at every educational level over the last decade.

At the same time, a sedentary lifestyle has led to a rise in obesity among young people throughout Europe, triggering the appearance of chronic illnesses.

There is therefore a need to ensure a minimum number of sports hours in order to combat the effects of a sedentary lifestyle and teach the young the principles of a good diet, and also a set of social values.

What, in this context, are the latest statistics on the legal framework and instruments used by the Member States to promote mass sports among the young, both inside and outside school, and what measures has the Commission taken in response to the European Parliament's own-initiative report on the role of sport in education?