

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0652/09  
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to the Commission

Subject: The allergy strategy of the European Union

The question which I put to the Czech Presidency on joint action against allergies received only an elusive reply from the Czech minister of health.

Millions of European citizens suffer from various kinds of allergies, and if we fail to take any action, some estimates state that, in time, one out of every two European children may suffer from an allergy. I therefore ask for the Commission's responses to the following:

Does the Commission intend to introduce any legislation to promote the prevention of allergic diseases?

Does the Commission intend to draw up and introduce a Europe-wide strategy to combat allergies?

Does it intend to take any measures to prevent an increase in allergic diseases?