

**Question for written answer E-012316/2011  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Obesity in the EU

In the last few years the Commission has presented us with an array of strategies and guidelines aimed at trying to curb obesity and encourage healthy eating, primarily through the 'Strategy for Europe on nutrition, overweight and obesity-related health issues'. More recently the Commission spearheaded the European EPODE Network project, developed the EU School Fruit Scheme and is steering the EU Platform for Action on Diet, Physical Activity and Health. Each initiative is ambitious and creative in its own right.

In general, what has been the response on the ground in the various Member States?

A recent survey has revealed that Malta has one of the highest rates of obesity within the EU. To what extent have the national authorities and stakeholders taken on and tried to implement the aforementioned Commission recommendations? Does the Commission expect more to be done?