

**Question for written answer E-003600/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Tackling multiple sclerosis in Europe

On 13 September 2012 the European Parliament adopted a written statement on tackling multiple sclerosis in Europe. The written statement adopted was forwarded to the Commission, the Council and the parliaments of the Member States.

1. What specific steps does the Commission intend to take as regards tackling multiple sclerosis in Europe?
2. Is the Commission taking or does it plan to take action to promote, in the Reflection Process on Chronic Disease, equal access to treatment and flexible employment policies for people with chronic neurological disorders such as multiple sclerosis?
3. Does the Commission not feel that we should encourage closer scientific collaboration and comparative research on multiple sclerosis within the framework of Horizon 2020?