

**Question for written answer E-004647/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: National action plans on combating healthcare associated infections

The issue of healthcare associated infections (HAIs) is putting European citizens at risk while at the same time costing the healthcare systems considerable extra resources. Limiting the number of patients contracting HAIs is given varying degrees of attention in the different countries. Not all Member States have national action plans to combat HAIs and, among those that do, the quality and thoroughness of such plans varies.

In connection with the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Which Member States have national action plans to combat HAIs and which do not?
2. Which of the Member States without national action plans have announced that they intend to develop such plans?
3. Which Member States have, in the Commission's opinion, the most effective national action plans (or other plans) to combat HAIs?