

**Question for written answer E-004648/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Risk of acquiring healthcare-associated infections at EU hospitals

Healthcare-associated infections (HAI) are a big problem throughout Europe, but the risk varies considerably among Member States.

In the light of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. What is the average risk of acquiring an HAI during or after hospitalisation in the European Union?
2. What is the average risk of infection with *Clostridium difficile* during or after hospitalisation in the European Union?
3. What is the average risk of acquiring a meticillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) infection during or after hospitalisation in the European Union?
4. What is the risk of acquiring an HAI during or after hospitalisation in the individual Member States (please provide data for each Member State)?
5. What is the average risk of acquiring a *Clostridium difficile* infection during or after hospitalisation in the individual Member States (please provide data for each Member State)?
6. What is the average risk of acquiring an MRSA infection during or after hospitalisation in the individual Member States (please provide data for each Member State)?
7. Would the Commission consider measures to make it easier for European patients to find out the HAI-rate in different countries and even in different hospitals?