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Subject: European minimum requirements for spas

Although citizens in the Union have an extraordinarily wide and diverse range of balneological services from which to choose, there is still no uniform certification system making it possible to rank reliably the treatments which may be undergone at spas. European citizens therefore cannot take informed decisions as to where and at what price to purchase a given balneological service. Moreover, as a result the lack of uniform quality criteria may also present an obstacle to enjoyment of the benefits afforded by the Directive on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare, whose deadline for transposition is 25 October 2013.

In view of all this, what will the Commission do to make it possible to take informed consumer decisions on the market for balneological services in the Union?