

**Question for written answer E-012864/2013  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Using new technologies to improve quality of life for the elderly

According to British scientists, Internet use by the elderly helps to improve quality of life. It helps them to avoid feeling lonely, to be more active, and new technologies help them to access images that fight memory loss and boredom. Related programmes on the use of new technologies to improve quality of life for the elderly have been promoted by national and local authorities in Member States such as Finland.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

Has it taken steps to promote similar programmes with European funding? What is the situation in Greece?