

**Question for written answer E-002941/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Xenon gas used as a doping agent

At the end of February, the German broadcaster WDR revealed that the success of the Russian athletes at the Winter Olympic Games might be linked to the use of xenon gas.

Researchers have confirmed that xenon gas increases levels of the hormone erythropoietin (EPO) and can indeed be used to improve performance.

This issue will be put on the agenda of the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) in April.

Has the Commission already discussed this issue with the Member States?

What steps is the Commission taking to coordinate the stances of the European representatives on the WADA expert committee?

Is it known what position these European representatives will take on this issue?