

**Question for written answer E-004459/2014
to the Commission (Vice-President / High Representative)**
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Subject: VP/HR - EU action to combat the Ebola fever epidemic in West Africa

Several cases of Ebola fever have recently been recorded in Guinea and some neighbouring countries. Several deaths have been reported, and the inability of the authorities to stop the spread of the virus means that the situation is becoming increasingly alarming.

The European Union has already announced that it is to mobilise EUR 500 000 and send a health expert to Guinea to assess the situation.

Is the EU planning to mobilise additional funds and personnel on the ground, possibly for a longer period of time, in order to support the local authorities in developing plans to prevent such epidemics in the future?