

**Question for written answer E-008181/2014  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Research into endometriosis

Endometriosis is a mostly chronic gynaecological condition in which endometrial tissue is found outside the womb. It is thought that at least 10% of women of child-bearing age suffer from the condition. In numerical terms, according to Spain's national statistics institute, this would mean that in Spain some 2 580 889 women are affected.

The causes of endometriosis are unknown, and treatments vary and are vague. The main symptom is pain, which has an adverse effect on women's quality of life and a direct impact on their relationships with partners, families and colleagues and on their relationships as far as having children is concerned.

1. Does the Commission think it would be a good idea to mount a European information campaign with a view to helping in both the prevention and early diagnosis of endometriosis? It has been estimated that after the symptoms start, it can take up to eight years for the condition to be diagnosed.
2. Is the Commission intending to provide research funding under the Horizon 2020 programme with a view to promoting research into the causes, prevention and treatment of endometriosis?