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to the Commission**

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Subject: European strategy against diabetes

Diabetes causes up to 325 000 deaths per year in Europe. Apart from the 32 million people affected by the disease in the EU, it is estimated that there are another 32 million who suffer glucose intolerance, which is a disorder that can easily evolve into diabetes. Although around half of those with the disease have not been diagnosed, diabetes takes up 10 % of health expenditure in the EU.

Furthermore, owing to increased obesity, population ageing and other factors, the number of people affected is likely to rise by 16.6 % by 2030.

The European Parliament has on several occasions stressed the need to establish an EU strategy against diabetes with a view to improving prevention, early diagnosis and research.

Is the Commission considering the possibility of implementing in the short term an EU strategy against diabetes?