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to the Commission**

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Subject: Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and disabilities

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) affects up to 10 % of European adults, is the fourth cause of death worldwide and is expected to be in third place by 2030.

In serious and terminal cases, COPD patients need to use oxygen tanks in order to breathe, a situation similar to that of people suffering from several forms and degrees of disability across Europe. This puts a drain on both family incomes and countries' productivity.

How does the Commission intend to improve the quality of life of people with serious and terminal COPD?