Question for written answer E-005128/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Michał Marusik (ENF)

Subject: Mental disorders and diseases - a severe risk for EU citizens

A report prepared by the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ENCP), as early as in 2011, warned that 165 million Europeans (i.e. 38% of the population) suffer from mental disorders and brain diseases (depression, anxiety, insomnia, dementia, etc.).

It is estimated that mental diseases, already costing EUR 386 million annually, will become more common year by year, as they are not being detected at an early stage, i.e. in young people.

According to the World Health Organization, in 2020, depression will rank second on a list of diseases causing the biggest social costs.

Is the Commission monitoring EU citizens' state of mental health? Are there any actions taken in order to detect mental diseases in young people early? How is the EU tackling discrimination and social exclusion of those suffering from mental diseases?

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