

**Question for written answer E-004551/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Lyme disease

Lyme disease is the most common zoonotic disease in Europe. The number of infected people ranges from between 650 000 and 850 000. The number of ticks is increasing, and Lyme disease is occurring in more geographic regions. Many patients do not have access to the treatments that would suit them, nor are they promptly or properly diagnosed.

Does the Commission intend to introduce EU-wide tick population control measures in order to prevent Lyme borreliosis?

Are there any plans to arrange EU-wide campaigns to educate and raise awareness of this disease, and what measures are taken to ensure that patients are treated properly?

Does the Commission intend to announce common prevention guidelines and carry out preventive checks, and provide Member States with proper funding to implement preventive measures properly and to cooperate with each other?