

**Question for written answer E-005866/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: The EU to declare 2019 as the year for diabetes awareness and management

On the occasion of the World Diabetes Day, I believe that the European Commission must decisively address diabetes with specific actions, policies, programmes, support volunteer organisations, awareness-raising campaigns, etc.

This mobilisation for diabetes is necessary and essential, a fact that can be verified by studying the data which reveals an alarming increase of diabetic patients in the EU in recent years.

I believe it would be a significant, symbolic and fundamental decision on the part of the EU to declare the following year, 2019, as the diabetes management year. In this way, it will mobilise both the Member States and European citizens for diabetes.

At the same time, there will be activities, events, actions to raise awareness, prevent and manage diabetes throughout the EU.

Moreover, it is imperative that the EU take measures to support and relieve diabetes patients.

Can the Commission say:

- What methods, policies and actions it has in place to address diabetes?
- How it addresses the proposal for 2019 to be declared a diabetes management year?
- How it supports and enhances Member State's programmes relating to the management of diabetes as well as diabetes patients?