

**Question for written answer E-002741/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: New worrying research findings on drugs

According to the recent 'European Drug Report 2019' conducted by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA), in Cyprus cannabis remains the substance of choice of drug addicts seeking therapy, followed by opioids.

Cocaine is the most popular stimulant among the general population, while there has also been an increase in methamphetamine use.

Moreover, over the last few years the production of compound drugs at European level has increased, become more diversified and employed more innovative methods.

New chemical substances are being used to create chemical compounds for the production of synthetic drugs, which are difficult for the prosecution services to identify.

In view of the above and the long-term difficulties in tackling this phenomenon, can the Commission say:

1) What will it do to combat this phenomenon, and what actions will it take to prevent drug and substance abuse among young people?

2) The issue of drugs has now also become a public health issue. Will the Commission launch a Europe-wide campaign in schools to raise awareness of the problem among young people by informing them about the impact of drugs on their health?