

**Question for written answer E-003131/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Every year more people die from suicide than from war

The World Health Organization (WHO) categorises suicide as a global public health problem, citing statistics that show that annually more people die from suicide than from war.

In total, according to the WHO, nearly 800 000 people commit suicide annually - that is more than those who die from malaria, breast cancer or war or are murdered.

Also, according to the survey, three times as many men as women commit suicide in rich countries, in contrast to low- and middle-income countries, where suicide rates among men and women are comparable.

In the light of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Do any programmes exist at European level that include suicide prevention strategies in national health and education programmes?
2. What actions will it take to help people cope with stress and reduce access to the means by which they commit suicide (e.g. hanging, poisoning and self-immolation)?