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Subject: Endometriosis: research under the new 2021-2027 health programme

One out of every 10 women of childbearing age suffers from endometriosis, a painful condition of the uterus which causes pain and in some cases disability or sterility.

The precise causes of endometriosis are so far unknown and no effective cure for the condition has been found to date. In addition, a definitive diagnosis cannot be obtained without an invasive surgical procedure.

Endometriosis has a major socio-economic impact on a woman's personal and family life, but also on her working life, as she has to resort often to taking either certified or uncertified sick leave. It also has a financial impact as the few forms of treatment currently available are costly and long-term.

In view of the resolution adopted by Parliament on promoting gender equality in mental health and clinical research, which cited endometriosis specifically as an example of discrimination in research into female pathologies and their treatment, and the importance of promoting research into the causes, prevention and treatment of endometriosis, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. How does it plan to promote research into endometriosis under the EU's health programme for 2021-2027?
2. Will it foster exchange of clinical data between Member States, starting with analysis of data by geographical area, in order to set up common strategies for action on this disorder?

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