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Subject: Period poverty in the EU

Period poverty represents an ongoing issue in the EU. It is estimated that currently 1 in 10 girls cannot afford sanitary products.

While some Member States have already passed laws to make female hygiene products free, others still do not consider such products to be basic goods.

In its 2019 resolution¹, Parliament called on all Member States to eliminate the so-called care and tampon tax by making use of the flexibility introduced in the VAT Directive and by applying tax exemptions or 0 % VAT rates to these essential basic goods.

How does the Commission plan to eradicate period poverty across the EU?

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52019IP0014>