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to the Commission**

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Subject: European year for mental health

In response to previous Written Questions, the Commission stated 'over the next five years, the promotion of good mental health will be an important part of the Commissions' work on health' and that dialogue with stakeholders was highly appreciated.

The COVID-19 pandemic is having a negative impact on mental health throughout the EU. This is a direct result of, inter alia, the impact of COVID-19, its accompanying measures and the fallout that the former is having on employment and the economy. The overall health and well-being of EU citizens is being comprised, as is the economy and social cohesion of the Member States:

Would the Commission consider designating one of the coming years as the European Year for Mental Health in order to raise awareness of the importance of mental health, to facilitate cross-stakeholder and cross-country good practice exchange and to tackle the stigma attached to mental illness?