Question for written answer E-001325/2021 to the Commission

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Subject: Multidisciplinary teams as the cornerstone of cancer care

In order to deliver personalised targeted therapies such as radioligand therapy, a multidisciplinary team of representatives from a variety of specialties is needed, with each specialist or group of specialists providing input into each individual treatment plan.

The Commission is working on a five-year action plan as part of the Strategic Agenda for Medical lonising Radiation Applications, which will aim to support the education and training of healthcare professionals, namely in the field of nuclear medicine. In its Beating Cancer Plan, the Commission sets out its plans to strengthen the multidisciplinary cancer workforce and launch an inter-specialty training programme.

In the light of the above:

- 1. Will the Commission include a nuclear medicine specialty in the inter-specialty training programme?
- 2. Through which policies and initiatives is it planning to promote a fully integrated cancer care approach? How does it intend to ensure synergies between the planned initiatives?
- 3. How does it intend to strengthen cross-border knowledge sharing on the topic of cancer treatment in the upcoming revision of the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive?