

**Question for written answer E-001537/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Integration of the EU strategy on addictive behaviour

The negative impacts of both legal (tobacco, alcohol) and illegal substance addiction and non-substance addiction are very similar.

In order to achieve an effective drug policy, we need to look at addictive behaviour as a whole, and integrate the structures dealing with substance and non-substance abuse. Many Member States have already put in place an integrated addiction policy, while the EU's approach to addiction remains fragmented. Against this backdrop, we would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. What type of cooperation is there between the Directorates-General of the Commission responsible for illegal drug addiction and those dealing with other addictive behaviours?
2. Does the Commission plan to explore the possibility of integrating the issues of substance and non-substance addiction under one Directorate-General?
3. The European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction is currently only monitoring the use of illegal drugs. Does the Commission or any EU agency also monitor the use of legal drugs and other addictive behaviours, such as compulsive gambling?