

**Question for written answer E-002223/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Gluten intolerance

In recent years, European and international medical journals have been reporting a significant increase in the number of cases of intolerance to gluten, which forms a substantial part of our daily diet. In the 2000s, the number of those affected had already quadrupled compared to the 1960s. This is creating problems and complications since the disorder is hard to diagnose, especially in children, whose symptoms are not always obvious or unmistakeable and can be confused with other health issues.

In view of this, what measures are being envisaged by the Commission, in collaboration with the Member States or with the media and academic circles, to ensure adequate monitoring in line with scientific criteria and parameters, making it easier to diagnose cases of gluten intolerance and establish the exact causes thereof, especially in children?