

**Question for written answer E-005634/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS/ME)

An estimated 2 million people suffer from chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS/ME) in the European Union. Exceptionally rapid physical and mental exhaustion are the main symptoms of this chronic disease, which in extreme cases can lead to extensive disability and the need for long-term care. Although the condition is internationally recognised as a disease in its own right, the medical profession's understanding of it remains limited, meaning it often fails to be diagnosed. We adopted a resolution to provide funding for further research into this disease on 18 June 2020. In this context, I have the following questions:

1. What has been done to date as regards research funding?
2. How does the Commission intend to raise awareness and improve research in this area in future?
3. Is there any global coordination/collaboration between health authorities and pharmaceutical companies in the area of drug research, and what could be improved in this area?