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to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Mental health in Europe

The EU has consistently sought to improve care and support for people with mental disorders, which research has shown to be among the main forms of disability and of disease globally, while effective treatment remains difficult for many to obtain. Failure to address mental health problems has a major impact on those affected, as well as their families and communities. It is therefore necessary to prioritise this area as a key element of public health policy and work to address existing gaps.

In view of this:

1.   Can the Commission say what measures are being taken to ensure that those affected have equal access to mental health services in all Member States of the European Union?

2.   What action is it taking regarding the social stigma attaching to mental illness and what measures are being taken to increase public awareness and understanding of the problem?

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