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**Subject:** Burns in Europe

Europeans face various burn-related threats, which pose serious risks to their health and well-being every day. Whatever their cause, be it the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, the increasing impact of climate change, cross-border wildfires or rising temperatures in summer, burns can be fatal or have devastating consequences.

Despite the development of breakthrough technologies in the EU, the current standard of care for large burns, namely autografting, remains suboptimal and comes with unresolved clinical challenges, which include a shortage of skin sheets, severe scarring, impaired mobility and growth, disfigurement, and psychosocial repercussions. The Member States need to adopt a unified and coordinated response, leveraging EU strategic autonomy for burn response technology and building a matrix supporting the development and deployment of cutting-edge treatments.

Ensuring that breakthrough treatments are accessible to all those who need them requires a political framework and societal awareness. Cooperation in this area will enable the EU to provide better care to those affected by burns, regardless of their location or circumstances.

Given this:

1. How can the Commission help Member States to address the needs of burn patients in the EU, particularly with regard to breakthrough technologies?
2. Is the Commission planning to take any measures to address cross-border emergencies?

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