

**Question for written answer E-003060/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: European strategic plan to combat rare diseases

Following the conference held in Bilbao on 10 and 11 October, the European Economic and Social Committee stated that a European strategic plan to combat rare diseases and increase research in this field is urgently needed.

To date, around 7 000 rare diseases are recognised by the EU and, according to the Committee, about 95% of rare diseases have no known cure.

It is therefore necessary to improve and strengthen cooperation between the different Member States and between the Member States and the EU in order to boost research in the medical field.

Given the above, can the Commission say what measures will it take to support and assist the Member States in the above-mentioned research?

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