

**Question for written answer E-003104/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Monitoring the use of NextGenerationEU funding for cancer research and prevention, early diagnosis and better treatments

Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed type of cancerous tumour. In general, the number of cases of breast cancer is on the rise across the EU-27. New figures released by the European Commission on cancer rates across the EU-27 estimate that the number of cases in Spain will rise by over 40 % by 2040 – the fifth highest increase in Europe. Spain has allocated less than 2 % of NextGenerationEU funding to improving public health. Meanwhile Italy, for example, has allocated 16 %.

1. How is the European Commission ensuring that every Member State is implementing the EU's plan to beat cancer, in terms of budget and policy?
2. How is the Commission putting pressure on Member States to also prioritise cancer research and prevention, early diagnosis and better patient treatments when using EU funds?

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