

Question for written answer E-003252/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Checks on press reports concerning the spread of bedbugs in Europe

In recent times, particular concern has been caused by reports in the international press about a potential pandemic of bedbugs in many European towns and cities. As specialists point out, it is not a matter of conditions of cleanliness but of places where groups of people in transit frequently come and go, such as hotels, hospitals or homeless shelters.¹

The sources of reports about a pandemic of parasites that put the health of European citizens at risk have not been verified, and the fight against bedbugs calls for constant and expensive decontamination work on the part of professionals in the fields of tourism, transport and the health services. In view of the above:

1. Has the Commission checked international press reports about the spread of bedbugs in European countries to see if they contain any false and/or misleading information?
2. Is it aware of official records of the spread of bedbugs in Europe in the current year?
3. What actions is it proposing to take to address the problem? What European funds can be made available to professionals for the purpose of preventing any further spread, and what is the amount of such funding earmarked for Greece?

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¹ <https://neoskosmos.com/el/2023/10/19/news/oi-korioi-eksaplothikan-stin-evropi-kai-eftasan-stin-ellada-ti-fovizei-tous-eidikous/>