

**Question for written answer E-003295/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Non-inclusion of heart failure in the 2023 EU4Health Work Programme

Heart failure affects 15 million people across Europe and one in five adults is likely to be diagnosed with heart failure during their lifetime.

Despite proven best practices in approaches to preventing and managing heart failure, the condition remains a serious healthcare challenge across all EU Member States. There are ever-present and common challenges surrounding heart failure, namely, developing new clinical roles and care, implementing diagnostic check-ups and coordinating research data, as well as challenges relating to innovation of health systems and relevant performance assessments. Heart failure still plays a major part in health inequality between Member States.

Cardiovascular conditions are a major health problem affecting millions of EU citizens and are the main cause of death in the EU. Heart failure is also the main cause of hospitalisation among adults over the age of 65 and places a heavy burden on healthcare systems.

In view of this:

Can the Commission explain why cardiovascular conditions, including heart failure, have not been included in the 2023 EU4Health Work Programme as a Commission priority in the field of health, when they pose a threat to the health of EU citizens?

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