

Question for written answer E-003629/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Plan for the prevention of cardiovascular diseases in the European Union

In the European Union, according to figures provided by the European Stroke Organisation:

- every year, one person in four has a heart attack or develops a cardiovascular disease;
- every year, 460 000 people die as a result of heart attacks or cardiovascular diseases;
- more than 80 % of heart attacks or cardiovascular diseases could be prevented;
- more than 50 % of people who survive a heart attack or cardiovascular disease have permanent or long-term disabilities;
- heart attacks or cardiovascular diseases cost the EU economy EUR 45 billion in 2017 alone;

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to develop a cardiovascular health plan that presses for major awareness-raising and prevention campaigns in the Member States?
2. Does it plan to allocate a larger share of funds that it currently does to better protecting EU citizens' health?

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