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to the Commission**

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Subject: Gender perspective in preventive cardiovascular healthcare

The European Commission is preparing a plan on non-communicable diseases with cardiovascular health among its priorities. The initiative will focus on awareness-raising and prevention, improved data collection, screening, early detection, diagnosis and treatment management, as well as quality of life of patients. This week in Strasbourg, the Basque Federation of Cardiovascular Disease Patients' Associations emphasised the need for gender to be taken into account in prevention, as the symptoms of some diseases – especially heart attacks – differ in men and women, so that early care suffers. It also stressed the need for the gender perspective to be taken account of in pharmacological research.

In light of this:

1. Is the Commission taking the gender perspective into account in the preparation of its strategy on non-communicable diseases?
2. Within the framework of this strategy on non-communicable diseases, could an information campaign be launched at European level on differences in the presentation of symptoms between genders in the event of vascular accidents such as myocardial infarction?

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