

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1116/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Sex education for children and young people in the enlarging Union

Does the Commission agree that the EU ought to respect its citizens' rights regarding reproduction, equality of the sexes, the right to live a safe life protected from any violence, including violence within the family and in sexual relations, the right of access to proper health care and the right to be informed about sexually transmitted diseases?

Does the Commission agree that these rights are based on and enshrined in Community law and international agreements?

Does the Commission believe, as I do, that, in order to be able to exercise these rights in full, citizens should be able to obtain good and objective information about sex at a sufficiently early stage in their lives in the form of information material, programmes and education projects?

I myself believe that if information is provided in advance, objectively and with the aim of protecting people, this will promote these objectives as children and young people progress through adolescence to adulthood. What, therefore, will the Commission do for the benefit of young people in the enlarging Union to ensure a high standard of sex education for all?