

**Question for written answer E-002434/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: District nurses up in arms – details of the contribution agreement signed with the WHO Regional Office for Europe

Having been heralded and on the frontline during the pandemic, district nurses are dying out in France because the role is undervalued and underappreciated. Although nurses are the only professionals providing continuity of care at home seven days a week in an increasingly ageing society, district nurses' pay has not increased for 15 years. Criteria regarding the arduous nature of a job are not taken into account in the calculation of pensions. Patients have become clients and carers have become care providers who have to apply a cost efficiency mind set simply to get by.

Meanwhile, on 2 September 2024, the Commission announced that it had signed a contribution agreement with the World Health Organisation (WHO) Regional Office for Europe. The agreement will be funded by means of the EU4Health programme, from which it will receive EUR 1.3 billion to help Member States to make nursing a more attractive profession.

1. What will the Commission do to earmark funds allocated as part of the contribution agreement? Is direct support for the profession an option?
2. When does the Commission plan to share the details of the agreement?

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