

**Question for written answer E-000053/2025  
to the Commission**  
Rule 144  
**Diana Iovanovici Șoșoacă (NI)**

Subject: Installation and maintenance of defibrillators

Europe has many defibrillators installed in all kinds of public spaces – both indoors and outdoors – for use in an emergency by anyone with basic first-aid knowledge to save the lives of people suffering a heart attack.

These defibrillators have a limited lifetime after which their correct functioning is no longer guaranteed, particularly as from 10 years after their installation. As such, they need maintenance, especially when installed outside, where they are exposed to moisture and dust, and their batteries are affected by climatic conditions, more so than when installed indoors. The expiry date of the batteries and electrodes and the dates of the regular maintenance checks, etc. must thus be displayed on every defibrillator.

1. Can the Commission state whether there is any monitoring of the number of defibrillator devices installed across Europe and of their state of maintenance?
2. Are there any programmes for replacing old defibrillators with new generation defibrillators, which can also provide the additional information needed to provide first aid pending the arrival of health professionals?
3. What strategy does the Commission have to better inform the public on how these emergency devices can be used by all members of the public and to organise first aid courses for them?

Submitted: 8.1.2025