

**Question for written answer E-011336/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Lyme disease - risks and state of research in the EU

A citizen and doctor has approached me with questions concerning Lyme disease on account of some patients he is caring for.

In relation to this issue, could the Commission provide the following information:

1. How widespread is Lyme disease in the EU? How many cases per year have there been in the EU over the last ten years?
2. How high is the risk of infection in the EU?
3. Does the Commission consider there to be a need for measures to be taken to provide protection against Lyme disease? If so, what would these measures be?
4. How much in the way of research funds does the EU make available in total for medical research? How much in the way of research funds has the EU made available in the current financial period for Lyme disease research? How much in the way of aid is the EU planning to provide in future for research into Lyme disease?