



## Parliamentary questions

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### Answer given by Mr Andriukaitis on behalf of the Commission

In relation to EU actions to address tuberculosis, the Commission would refer the Honourable Member to its reply to Question **E-005319/2015**<sup>(1)</sup>.

In addition, the Commission has recently launched a call for proposals to support and complement Member States action in relation to early diagnosis of tuberculosis (EC co-funding of EUR 1.8 million under the Health Programme)<sup>(2)</sup>. The procedure for signing the grant agreement is in its final stages, and action is due to start in May 2016. Furthermore, tuberculosis is part of joint actions addressing prevention and access to treatment for HIV/AIDS and co-infections<sup>(3)</sup>.

The EU also supports low and lower-middle-income countries in their quest towards eradicating tuberculosis with a recent pledge of EUR 470 million for the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria for the three-year period beginning in 2017, an increase of EUR 100 million, or 27%, over the previous contribution<sup>(4)</sup>.

In addition, the European Commission supports research on tuberculosis. Horizon 2020 has invested EUR 26.2 million on tuberculosis on two important projects developing more effective vaccines<sup>(5)</sup>.

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control ensures quality surveillance and provides scientific guidance on tuberculosis, with recent publications on vulnerable groups for World Tuberculosis Day 2016<sup>(6)</sup>.

(1) <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/plenary/en/parliamentary-questions.html>

(2) <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/3hp/topics/76-pj-03-2015.html>

(3) See HA REACT (<http://www.hareact.eu/en/about-ha-react>) and the planned action for 2016 (Item 2.2.1.1., p. 13, [http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/docs/wp2016\\_annex\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/health/programme/docs/wp2016_annex_en.pdf)).

(4) [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-16-522\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-522_en.htm)

(5) [http://ec.europa.eu/research/health/pdf/world\\_tuberculosis\\_day-2016.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/health/pdf/world_tuberculosis_day-2016.pdf)

(6) <http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/Tuberculosis/world-tb-day/Pages/World-TB-Day-2016.aspx>

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