

Question for written answer E-000713/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Establishing high-quality radiotherapy departments and modern oncology centres at public hospitals

Europe's Beating Cancer Plan (COM(2021) 44) and the European Parliament resolution of 16 February 2022 on strengthening Europe in the fight against cancer (paragraph 105) stress the importance of establishing high-quality radiotherapy departments and modern oncology centres at public hospitals, based on European guidelines and in line with the latest scientific evidence.

However, many patients in the EU sadly continue to face numerous difficulties as many oncology departments at public hospitals suffer from staff shortages and a lack of capacity. Cyprus is the only EU Member State without an integrated public oncology centre with a radiotherapy department, meaning that cancer patients have no other choice but to turn to the private sector.

In view of the above:

1. Will the Commission assess and provide published updates on the progress that each Member State makes in achieving the targets of the European strategy for quality public healthcare services?
2. What steps will it take to support Member States in achieving the targets they have not yet met, thereby ensuring a common European public health standard for cancer prevention and treatment in all EU Member States?

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