

**Question for written answer E-001259/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Harmful effects of sunbeds

Over 150 000 new cases of melanoma are diagnosed every year in Europe, making it the sixth most frequently occurring cancer in the region. The Commission itself recognises that ultraviolet radiation (UVR), including that which is emitted by sunbeds, is a proven cause of melanoma, with a significant increase in risk when exposure begins at a younger age.

As part of Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, the Commission initially envisaged a recommendation on reducing UVR exposure from sunbeds with an expected adoption in 2024 following a call for feedback.

However, on 4 February 2025, the Commission announced that it would abandon this initiative, citing a lack of additional evidence to justify further measures beyond the 2014 Low Voltage Directive.

1. Can the Commission elaborate on which evidence was missing, despite strong scientific evidence of the prevalence of melanoma in the EU and the risks associated with sunbeds?
2. Given the established public health risks of sunbeds, how does the Commission intend to uphold its commitment to fully implement Europe's Beating Cancer Plan and address the harmful effects of sunbeds?
3. Will the Commission ensure that the upcoming fifth edition of the European Code Against Cancer include a clear recommendation against sunbed use?

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