

**Question for written answer E-003626/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Commission support for the Member States on ME/CFS research, data collection and medical education

The European Parliament resolution of 18 June 2020 on myalgic encephalomyelitis / chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS)¹, an illness recognised by the WHO as a neuroimmune disease (internationally classified as ICD-10 G93.3 and more recently ICD-11 8E49), called for increased biomedical research and funding, harmonised EU-wide prevalence data and improved medical education to address the profound and devastating human and economic burden of the illness.

Five years later:

there is still no harmonised data collection system for ME/CFS in place;

prevalence and burden reporting remain voluntary and inconsistent across the Member States;

EU-funded tools called for in the resolution have not been implemented as a mandatory platform;

patients continue to experience profound neglect, stigma and unmet needs, as documented in the European ME Alliance pan-European survey², highlighting disparate services and poor patient outcomes.

Given the lack of tangible progress:

1. How is the Commission supporting the Member States in establishing a research strategy and funding a harmonised ME/CFS data collection and reporting system to determine the prevalence, aetiology and pathogenesis of ME/CFS, and what is the Commission's timeline for implementation?
2. How is the Commission assisting the Member States in integrating ME/CFS education into medical curricula and postgraduate training, ensuring that it aligns with international clinical guidelines and includes competencies, assessments and audits?

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¹ European Parliament resolution of 18 June 2020 on additional funding for biomedical research on Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (OJ C 362, 8.9.2021, p. 2).

² European ME Alliance, 'A Shocking Indictment of European Research and Healthcare Policies for Myalgic Encephalomyelitis', 7 April 2024, <https://www.europeanmealliance.org/emea-pan-european-survey-pr-uk.shtml>.