

**Question for written answer E-003806/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Risk of discontinuation of treatment for people living with HIV in Romania

On 16 September 2026, the Romanian Ministry of Health announced the reallocation of RON 56 million from a number of national health programmes, including the national HIV/AIDS programme. According to the Ministry, as of December the programmes concerned will no longer have funding.

Romania's National Union of Organisations of People Affected by HIV/AIDS (UNOPA) has warned that if additional funds are not allocated, a large number of people living with HIV could be left without treatment as of 1 November and in some cases even as early as 15 October.

The continuity of antiretroviral treatment is crucial to patients' health, in preventing the virus from spreading and in achieving the aim of eliminating AIDS as a public health threat by 2030.

1. Is the Commission aware of the situation and the risks involved in discontinuing access to antiretroviral treatment in Romania?
2. Does the Commission intend to ask the Romanian authorities for information on the measures in place for guaranteeing continuity of treatment?
3. What EU tools can be deployed to support Romania, including strategic reserves of medicines, joint procurement mechanisms and European solidarity mechanisms in case of medicine shortages?

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