

**Question for written answer E-004090/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Lack of residential treatment facilities for minors and regional disparities in access to care

Recent mapping has identified 112 residential care facilities in Italy for children with mental health issues, offering around 1 280 beds, and it has revealed major regional differences in supply as well as significant fragmentation in terms of regulations and care¹.

The situation in Sicily is particularly acute: it has just two operating, accredited therapeutic communities, with a total of 25 beds. The same mapping also highlights the absence of a comprehensive census of facilities, in addition to significant regional differences in requirements, standards of care, accreditation systems and prices.

Under Articles 6 and 168 TFEU, the Union is to support and complement Member States' actions in the area of public health, while respecting national responsibilities for the organisation of health services².

Through the Technical Support Instrument (TSI), the Commission also provides support to Member States to help them improve mental health services for children and young people, and address the fragmentation of health, social and educational services³.

In view of the above:

1. Will the Commission promote the systematic collection of comparable data on residential treatment facilities for minors in order to identify any regional disparities in access to treatment?
2. Within the framework of the TSI, will it support mapping of Italy's residential facilities, focusing in particular on the severe shortages in Sicily?

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¹ <https://trendsanita.it/psichiatria-minorile-strutture-residenziali/>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/tfeu_2012/oj/eng; <https://commission.europa.eu/topics/public-health/european-health-union/comprehensive-approach-mental-health>.

³ https://commission.europa.eu/news-and-media/news/technical-support-instrument-supports-reforms-improve-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing-2024-01-24_en; https://reforms-investments.ec.europa.eu/technical-support-instrument-0/flagship-technical-support-projects_en; https://reforms-investments.ec.europa.eu/projects/developing-mental-health-programmes-children-adolescents-and-young-adults-strengthening-competence_en.