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**Question for written answer E-002156/25
to the Commission
Kathleen Funchion (The Left)
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Subject: Cardiovascular disease

What is the expected timeline for the Commission to produce a proposal on a European Cardiovascular Health Plan, in line with the stated goal in the 2024 Mission Letter to the Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare and the Council conclusions of 14 November 2024 on the improvement of cardiovascular health in the EU, in particular pertaining to the implementation of measures to improve conditions and care for stroke survivors?

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**Answer given by Mr Várhelyi on behalf of the European Commission
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One of the priorities under the mandate of the new Commission is to improve cardiovascular health in the EU. Commissioner for Health and Animal Welfare will develop an EU Cardiovascular Health Plan in line with the President of the Commission's political guidelines ⁽¹⁾.

The plan is to be developed in close collaboration with citizens, Member States and stakeholders. The preparatory work for the plan will follow the better regulation guidelines that outline the steps in developing a new initiative, including targeted stakeholder consultations.

The timeline for the plan will depend on these steps. As a first step, a webinar to gather feedback from stakeholders ⁽²⁾ took place on 16 May 2025. The Commission will work together with the Member States under the Expert Group on Public Health ⁽³⁾.

The plan is expected to be built on ongoing work under the 'Healthier Together' initiative ⁽⁴⁾ and on collaborative work between Member States funded by the EU4Health programme ⁽⁵⁾.

The latter includes as the Joint Action on Cardiovascular Diseases and Diabetes (JACARDI) ⁽⁶⁾, supported with EUR 53 million, and the Joint Action PreventNCD ⁽⁷⁾ on health determinants, supported with EUR 76 million.

⁽¹⁾ Page 9: https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/e6cd4328-673c-4e7a-8683-f63ffb2cf648_en?filename=Political%20Guidelines%202024-2029_EN.pdf.
⁽²⁾ https://health.ec.europa.eu/events/webinar-prevention-ncds-2025-05-16_en.
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⁽⁴⁾ https://health.ec.europa.eu/non-communicable-diseases/healthier-together-eu-non-communicable-diseases-initiative_en.
⁽⁵⁾ https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/find-funding/eu-funding-programmes/eu4health_en.
⁽⁶⁾ <https://jacardi.eu/>.
⁽⁷⁾ <https://www.preventncd.eu/>.