

**Question for written answer E-014360/2015/rev.1  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Strikes and medical assistance

A Danish woman recently died of heart failure in Belgium. She urgently needed life-saving surgery. A surgeon was called, but was unable to make it in time owing to strike action that had caused a traffic jam on the Belgian motorway.

I have the utmost respect for the freedom of assembly and for the right to strike. But people also have a right to die in hospital and to receive medical treatment.

Does the Commission have any estimates as to how many Europeans die owing to strike action – in one way or another – preventing them from receiving urgent medical attention?