

Question for written answer E-015930/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: 112

In 1991, the single European emergency number 112 was introduced by a decision of the EU Council, and since then this service has saved many lives and helped to better guarantee the right to health of EU citizens. However, annual reports on the operation of the 112 number show significant delays and a failure to update the service in many Member States. At a European level, there is no detailed strategy in place for the implementation of the Next Generation 112 (NG112) initiative, which aims to update the system and bring it into line with new technologies, the lack of interoperability has not been addressed and there is still a long way to go before those with disabilities and special needs can be guaranteed equal access to this service.

1. Does the Commission intend to make a greater effort to coordinate national systems and take action for the correct implementation of this emergency number in all Member States?
2. Does it intend to reactivate the Expert Group on Emergency Access, giving it a new mandate?