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to the Commission
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Subject: Addressing the challenges of Parkinson's disease in Europe

Parkinson's is a progressive, chronic and complex disease that has no cure. There are more than 1.2 million people living with Parkinson's in Europe, a number expected to double by 2030.

'My PD Journey' is a ground-breaking multi-stakeholder initiative led by the European Parkinson's Disease Association (EPDA) that seeks to facilitate improvements in the diagnosis, treatment and care of Parkinson's in Europe.

Research undertaken in this area has shown that serious unmet needs remain across Europe, including delayed or misdiagnosis, a lack of training for healthcare professionals, and a lack of information for people with Parkinson's and their families. The impact of the disease is therefore impeding progress towards inclusive growth – a core EU target under the Europe 2020 strategy.

Under its 3rd Health Programme, how is the Commission going to fund projects dedicated to the improvement of early diagnosis, the availability of information, and appropriate intervention for people with Parkinson's disease in Europe?

How does the Commission intend to consider addressing the impact of Parkinson's disease on both patients and their carers in conjunction with Member States, through the open method of coordination and the activities of the Social Protection Committee?

How can the Commission support the adoption of national treatment strategies for Parkinson's disease in the Member States, including the development of disease registries?