

**Question for written answer E-015255/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Access to contraceptive services and information in the Member States

As underlined by the Expert Panel on Effective Ways of Investing in Health (EXPH)¹, the EU should contribute to reducing health inequalities in the EU.

- When will the Commission develop a set of indicators on access to healthcare facilities, goods and services – including sexual and reproductive healthcare facilities, goods and services – in the EU in respect of national competences with a view to gaining a clear overview of the healthcare inequalities existing in and between Member States?
- Does the Commission agree that a set of indicators on access to healthcare facilities, goods and services will be an important instrument for addressing and combating evidence-based inequalities, e.g. via the next EU public health strategy?
- What is the Commission doing to develop initiatives and the sharing of best practice between Member States with a view to addressing the gaps shown by the 2015 barometer on access to modern contraceptive needs?

¹ http://ec.europa.eu/health/expert_panel/opinions/docs/009_crossborder_cooperation_en.pdf