## Question for written answer E-000482/2022 to the Commission

**Rule 138** 

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Subject: Compliance by Member States with the obligation to report cases of Lyme disease

While medical research has for the last two years been focused on the fight against COVID-19, other little-known, underdiagnosed illnesses have continued to spread geographically in the EU. Such is the case of Lyme borreliosis, which is transmitted to humans by infected ticks and is the most common zoonotic disease in Europe, affecting some 650 000 people per year.

Since 2018, when Lyme borreliosis was added to the list of mandatory notifiable diseases in the EU, Member States have been required to report cases of infected persons to allow for better assessment of the situation and thus of the real prevalence of the disease in the EU.

- 1. Can the Commission confirm whether all 27 Member States are fulfilling this obligation and, if applicable, list those that are not?
- 2. Have the Member States contacted the Commission or the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control to request logistical support for information and awareness-raising campaigns on Lyme disease?
- 3. Can it detail the latest methods introduced over the last years to screen for and treat the different forms of the disease?