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Declaration on priorities in the fight against Alzheimer’s disease

2009/2015(DCE) - 19/02/2009 - Written declaration

The European Parliament made a declaration on priorities in the fight against Alzheimer's disease, recalling that this disease currently affects 6.1 million Europeans and that this figure will double or triple between now and 2050 with the ageing of the population.

Given that this disease is the most common cause of dependency, MEPs call on the Council, the Commission and the Member States to recognise Alzheimer's disease as a European **public health priority**.

They also call for the development of a European action plan with a view to:

- promoting pan-European research on the causes, prevention and treatment of Alzheimer's disease;
- improving early diagnosis;
- simplifying procedures for patients and carers and improving their quality of life;
- promoting the role of Alzheimer's associations and giving them regular support.