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Answer given by Mr Borg
on behalf of the Commission
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One of the objectives of the Joint Action Mental Health and Well-being¹ under the Health Programme is to develop a framework for action on community-based and socially inclusive approaches to mental health in Europe, with a focus on transition from institutional care to community care for people with severe mental disorders. This work addresses the needs of people experiencing schizophrenia. As regards the Joint Action on Chronic Diseases referred to, this focusses on horizontal aspects of chronic diseases without being disease-specific.

The new Health Programme 2014-2020 will be adopted in spring 2014 and will be implemented on the basis of annual work plans.

Horizon 2020, the new EU programme for research and innovation (2014-2020)², will offer further funding opportunities for research in this area, in particular through the societal challenge 'Health, demographic change and well-being'. Information on current funding opportunities can be obtained at the EC Research and Innovation Participant Portal³.

In the field of health and safety at work the Commission has commissioned a study on Mental Health in the Workplace. The study will: assess EU legal framework and efficiency of its implementation; develop a range of scenarios helping to consider policy options; prepare a guidance document for employers and workers. The study will also look at equality legislation and mental health at the workplace, especially in relation to non-discrimination on the grounds of health or disability. The finalisation of the report is expected by the 2nd quarter of 2014.

¹ <http://www.mentalhealthandwellbeing.eu/#>

² <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=COM:2011:0809:FIN:EN:PDF>

³ <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/index.html>