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to the Commission**

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Subject: Prevention of pandemics

The high degree of political attention and the increase in resources available to measures relating to the social challenges of science have been recognised by the European Union in its new Horizon 2020 programme.

One of the most important aspects of public policies in science is, without any doubt, the prevention of pandemics. In the light of the above:

How does the Commission intend to encourage good participative governance practices in health policies, following on from examples of success achieved so far in pandemic prevention?

What actions does it intend to take to impel public health authorities to devote more resources to the objective of obtaining public input and increasing the capacity for rapid response and preparation for possible pandemics?