



Plenary sitting

B9-0356/2023

26.7.2023

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on ‘Radionuclides: measures to tackle shortages and the construction of new production sites’

Helmut Geuking

Motion for a resolution of the European Parliament on ‘Radionuclides: measures to tackle shortages and the construction of new production facilities’

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Annex I to the Euratom Treaty,
 - having regard of Article 168 TFEU,
 - having regard to the Commission communication of 25 November 2020 on a pharmaceutical strategy,
 - having regard to the Commission communication of 3 February 2021 on the Beating Cancer Plan,
 - having regard to the Commission’s SAMIRA action plan to combat cancer of 5 February 2021,
 - having regard to its resolution of 24 November 2021 on a pharmaceutical strategy for Europe,
 - having regard to its resolution of 16 February 2022 on strengthening Europe in the fight against cancer (coordinated strategy),
 - having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Europe, the largest consumer of Tc-99m with 20 % of the world market, already experienced a shortage of the isotope in 2008-2009 because maintenance work had to be carried out on nuclear reactors; whereas in 2022, despite the fact that production facilities were operating at full capacity, we saw cancer treatments and diagnostics being cancelled due to radiopharmaceutical shortages; whereas at least three additional production sites will be needed to meet the ever-increasing needs across Europe;
- B. whereas radiotheranostics, medical imaging with molecular radiotherapy, some forms of internal radiotherapy, radionuclide therapy and radioimmune therapy save lives;
- C. whereas the Commission’s European Radioisotopes Valley Initiative (ERVI) may be of significance for the production of radioisotopes in Europe;
1. Calls on the Commission to respond to these needs and see to it that at least three additional production sites are constructed in Europe.