

WRITTEN QUESTION E-1371/09
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to the Commission

Subject: Liberalisation of medical laboratories

On what basis does the Commission want to force France to fully open the capital of its biomedical laboratories to foreign investors? Must health not be excluded from full competition?

It seems dangerous to open medical laboratories to competition, prioritising commercial interests over medical competence and professional ethics, in particular since their activity is principally financed by the Member States' social security schemes.

Likewise, does the Commission consider it acceptable that large financial groups should make substantial profits from this?