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Subject: Vaccination in Europe

Vaccination is, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), the most efficient and cost-effective method of fighting disease nowadays. Worldwide, vaccination prevents between two and three million deaths a year, and yet many people have serious misgivings about vaccination, or even refuse to be vaccinated. The WHO believes the root of these problems lies in ease of access to vaccines, a lack of confidence in vaccination and finally, a lack of transparency. As the EU does not have a common health policy it is down to individual Member States to determine how they manage vaccination. Disease, however, knows no borders.

What is the state of play regarding the Commission's recommendations on strengthening cooperation on vaccine-preventable diseases?