

**Question for written answer E-000526/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures to halt the spread of the coronavirus epidemic in Europe

The recent sudden outbreak of the coronavirus in China, a disease with an extremely high morbidity rate, had already caused 24 deaths when this written question was drawn up.

Hundreds of cases have now been confirmed, including in Thailand, the USA, Russia and Mexico. The serious risk of contagion has even led the Beijing Government to shut down urban transport in the city of Wuhan and the surrounding area, where as many as 11 million people live.

In the light of the above:

1. What checks does the Commission plan to introduce at Union borders for travellers arriving from China and other countries to which the virus has spread?
2. What steps have been taken to prevent the virus from being passed on at airports and other transport hubs in the EU?
3. What steps have been taken to monitor the incubation period in 'healthy carriers' in order to prevent the virus from spreading in the towns and cities to which they are travelling?