

**Question for written answer E-001825/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Coordinated European policy to tackle the coronavirus pandemic

The coronavirus pandemic, which has so far infected 382 000 people, is a source of fear, terror, insecurity and uncertainty across the globe.

Today, more than ever, Europe has to show a human face, to demonstrate practical solidarity, one of its fundamental principles and values, and to stand by the citizens of Europe who are facing such difficult times.

At this unprecedented juncture, a unified European strategy is needed that will set out a specific framework for the national policies of the Member States, where they are deemed necessary at national level.

In particular, the Member States of southern Europe, which are bearing the brunt of a crisis for the third time (the economic crisis, migration and now a pandemic) need to be given greater attention and assistance, because the ground is being prepared for calls for a two-speed European Union.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Will it establish a single European framework for tackling the coronavirus, taking into account the asymmetric effects of the pandemic in each country?
2. In which ways will the Commission and the Council co-ordinate their budgetary policy measures and shield the national economies until the crisis has passed?