

**Question for written answer E-002010/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Creation of the rescEU strategic reserve of medical supplies and protective equipment

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, on 19 March the Commission announced the creation of the rescEU strategic reserve of medical supplies, to be 90% financed by the Commission. The grave situation caused by the lack and scarcity of medical supplies in some Member States, such as Spain, and the urgent calls by various medical staff and authorities have highlighted the slow and late show of solidarity with the regions worst hit by the serious pandemic.

Can the Commission provide information regarding the time frame for the entry into operation of this strategic reserve, notably as regards Spain?