

**Question for written answer E-002130/2020  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: The COVID-19 pandemic

The coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a contagious disease which is caused by a novel virus. The first cases emerged in the Chinese province of Wuhan. From there the virus spread throughout the world and was designated a pandemic by the WHO.

This gives rise to the following questions:

Is the Commission in contact with the Chinese Government with the aim of taking action to prevent similar outbreaks in China in the future?

What can the EU do to help improve hygiene standards in other countries and thus reduce the likelihood of future pandemics taking place?

What action is the EU taking to make its crisis management for epidemics more effective in future?