Question for written answer  E-002138/2020  
to the Commission  
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Subject: Manufacturing of protective equipment and medical devices  

The health crisis linked to the COVID-19 pandemic is highlighting the importance of the local 
manufacturing of protective equipment and medical devices.  

What immediate steps is the Commission taking to ensure that protective equipment and medical 
devices can be manufactured at short notice in the EU?  

What investments will it make to guarantee that protective equipment and medical devices can be 
manufactured in the EU in the longer term?  

What conclusions has it drawn from the COVID-19 pandemic as regards its future dealings with non-
European trading partners in connection with vital goods such as protective equipment and medical 
devices?