

**Question for written answer E-002165/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) is a European Union agency which has the job of improving the prevention and monitoring of infectious diseases in the EU. It was founded in 2004 and had an average budget from 2017 to 2019 of some EUR 58 million.

The healthcare situation in the Member States has deteriorated dramatically since the COVID-19 crisis started several months ago.

1. What specific measures has the ECDC taken in the meantime to counter the spread of the virus?
2. What preventive measures were taken by the ECDC in the past five years which are now having an impact?
3. How does the ECDC plan to tackle similar crises in the future? What lessons can be drawn from this crisis?