Question for written answer E-002582/2020 to the Commission Rule 138 Engin Eroglu

Subject: Taking the body temperature of passengers in airports

Several weeks after physical distancing measures were introduced across much of the EU, there still seem to be no checks on the body temperature of passengers at German airports. Such checks have long been common practice in other countries. Flight attendants report that sick passengers are still being allowed to board. Since passengers sit close together for a long time, infection is very likely.

This is a problem not only for Germany, but also for other EU Member States because some passengers have connecting flights. Taking the body temperature during security checks would be anonymous and could be done without much effort.

- 1. Does the Commission have any indication of how much airports and intercontinental flights have contributed and are still contributing to the spread of the virus?
- 2. How can the Commission work to ensure that passengers can be confident that they are travelling without any threat to their health?
- 3. Would such controls also be conceivable at train and bus stations?