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to the Commission
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Subject: The conditions attached to the funding of the development of a vaccine against the novel coronavirus

The Coronavirus Global Response campaign hosted by the Commission has raised a staggering EUR 7.4 billion to advance a universal development and deployment of diagnostics, treatments and vaccines against the novel coronavirus. Moreover, the Commission is providing additional financial assistance to companies working to develop a vaccine. However, the conditions attached to this funding are unclear. While private businesses play a big role in developing and producing vaccines against the virus, it is nonetheless very important to ensure that the funding conditions will enable the vaccine to be available to all.

1. What conditions has the Commission attached to the funding it disburses to private companies developing a vaccine against the novel coronavirus?

2. How will the Commission ensure that any potential coronavirus vaccine that it has helped to fund will be affordable and available to all?