

**Question for written answer E-006924/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Support for low- and middle-income countries in accessing COVID-19 vaccines

On 15 December 2020, according to a statement, the European Commission, the European Investment Bank and Gavi signed an agreement worth EUR 500 million 'to ensure fair and equal access' to COVID-19 vaccines for low- and middle-income countries. The agreement is part of the Covax Facility, which aims to make one billion doses of the vaccine available to millions of people. The EU has allocated over EUR 850 million for this purpose.

Does the Commission plan to use this initiative and combine it with a close synergy with the European Neighbourhood Policy as part of its regional dimension, and in particular with the Eastern Partnership and the Union for the Mediterranean, where the concept of public health diplomacy as part of dialogue within the framework of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean and the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly may prove to be a new link in this synergy, with the support of the European Parliament?