

**Question for written answer E-000010/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Germany is disregarding EU vaccine arrangements – call on the Commission to clarify the matter

It has recently been reported in the press that the President of the European Commission, Ursula Von der Leyen, has stated: 'The COVID-19 vaccine will be available for all EU countries, at the same time, under the same conditions'.

On V-Day, Germany had allegedly already received 151 000 doses, while according to the plan, their share was supposed to be 11 000 units.

Moreover, as confirmed by the German Ministry of Health, Germany has concluded a bilateral agreement with BionTech-Pfizer for the purchase of an additional 30 million doses, going beyond the EU agreement concerning the collective purchase of vaccines.

Germany's conduct is seriously detrimental to the European solidarity-based agreement, whereby the Commission had been designated as the sole purchaser of vaccines for the Member States.

In view of this:

1. What sanctions, in the Commission's view, should be applied to Germany?
2. Should it not update its supply contracts in order to meet the needs of each Member State in full – in particular those of Italy, one of the countries most affected by the pandemic? Lastly:
3. Can it ensure that other Member States will not follow Berlin's example by tearing up the EU agreement and concluding bilateral contracts with pharmaceutical companies?