

**Question for written answer E-000166/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Transparency over EU vaccine procurement contracts

According to an article in *Le Point* on 3 December 2020, headed 'Vaccins européens: la loi du secret' [secrecy rules over EU vaccines], a complete lack of transparency surrounds the contracts drawn up between the European Union and the pharmaceutical laboratories for the supply of COVID-19 vaccines. Thus, 'a few hand-picked MEPs' are said to have seen the advance purchase agreements, but then only in 'a secure room'.

1. How were the MEPs who have seen these contracts chosen and based on what criteria?
2. Does the Commission not think that this sustained lack of transparency is likely to contribute to conspiracy theories and the rising distrust of EU leaders, which it claims it wants to combat, moreover?