

**Question for written answer E-000219/2021**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Possible purchase of COVID-19 vaccines by EU Member States

Last June, the Commission and the Member States agreed on a joint action plan at EU level to secure the supply of COVID-19 vaccines. The Commission concluded agreements with individual vaccine producers on behalf of EU Member States. Its strategy ensured that all Member States had access to COVID-19 vaccines at the same time and that there was a per capita distribution to ensure equitable access — an action that showed a European, collective and coordinated response to the health crisis.

In the last few days there have been reports in the media that some Member States, such as Germany, have unilaterally signed agreements with vaccine manufacturers.

1. Is the Commission aware of any bilateral agreements for the purchase of vaccines?
2. If so, does it plan to take any action against countries that have acted in their own interest?
3. Does the Commission believe that this type of action could damage the joint agreements?