Question for written answer E-000337/2021 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Safety of BNT162b2 vaccine

On 21 December 2020, the Commission authorised the BNT162b2 vaccine in the EU, with the Commission President hailing it as 'safe and effective', although other countries have granted it only an emergency use authorisation. According to a report of 16 January 2021 (https://www.servustv.com/videos/aa-26ggtrysd1w11/), 23 deaths are being investigated for direct links with the administration of this vaccine.

- 1. Does the Commission believe that the deaths cast doubt on the safety of the vaccine?
- 2. Does the Commission know of any people who have become re-infected with COVID-19 after vaccination?
- 3. Will the vaccine's authorisation be withdrawn in the event of further deaths?