

**Question for written answer E-000512/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Delivery of COVID-19 vaccines

In June 2020, the Commission presented the EU Strategy for Vaccines against COVID-19 with the aim of ensuring high-quality, safe and effective vaccines, and of providing timely access to vaccines. Under this Strategy, the EU secured 2.3 billion doses of vaccine through joint public procurement. Unfortunately, we have seen pharmaceutical companies notifying the EU that they will be late in delivering vaccines in the quantities ordered. The latest in a series, AstraZeneca, has reported that it will reduce the amount of vaccines delivered in the first quarter of this year by as much as 60%. In this connection:

1. What specific steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that pharmaceutical companies comply with their contractual obligations and deliver the ordered amounts of COVID-19 vaccines within the deadline?
2. Can the Commission guarantee that the current delay in the delivery of vaccines will not jeopardise the achievement of the objective of vaccinating at least 80% of healthcare and social welfare workers and citizens over the age of 80 by March 2021, and at least 70% of the rest of the adult population in the EU by summer ?