

Question for written answer E-003765/2021
to the Commission
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Subject: Increasing vaccination numbers debunked as a miracle cure in the EU fight against the pandemic

For more than a year, all areas of life have been affected by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Vaccination has often been referred to by politicians as a 'game changer' in the fight against the pandemic. However, the number of infections is rising in parallel to that of vaccinations, and many EU citizens are afraid of a further lockdown. Vaccination would not appear to mean an end to the pandemic. Nor can there be any talk of a restoration of normality in the social and professional spheres. Policies offering an alternative to lockdown, the boosting of intensive care capacities or therapeutic approaches in case of infection appear to have been overshadowed by the 'miracle cure' of vaccination, which may now not achieve its goal.

The following questions to the Commission therefore arise:

1. What lessons has the Commission learnt from the failings in the fight against the pandemic in recent months?
2. What changes to EU Corona virus policy has the Commission instigated in view of the rising numbers?
3. Has the Commission made a recommendation to increase intensive care capacities in the Member States?