

**Question for written answer E-003867/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU vaccine pledges and sharing

The European Union is steadily moving ahead with the rollout of vaccines on the continent. The European Centre for Disease Control reports a vaccination rate of almost 70 % as of mid-July. Despite this promising progress, the EU vaccine rollout is still at risk, as the global vaccination effort is not yet effective enough. New variants with the potential to undermine the Member States' efforts could emerge. It is vital that Member States not only remain committed to pledging to share vaccines, but that they also proactively share them with vulnerable countries through the COVID-19 Vaccines Global Access (COVAX) initiative.

1. In what specific ways is the Commission strengthening Member States' commitments to go from pledging to actually sharing vaccines with third countries?
2. Does the Commission intend to engage with the Member States to develop a roadmap for the sharing of excess doses through COVAX?
3. Will the Commission and the Member States succeed in donating the total number of vaccines that they have pledged by the end of 2021?