

**Question for written answer E-004333/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: What are the reasons for the significant increase in the price of Pfizer vaccines negotiated by the Commission?

The Commission responded strongly to the Belgian Secretary of State Eva De Bleeker's disclosure on 17 December of the amounts promised by its government to manufacturers for each of the six vaccines ordered, together with the unit price charged in the European Union. Through its spokespersons, the Commission had recalled that 'information such as the price of vaccines is covered by confidentiality'. A 'contractual requirement' said to be 'in the interest of the company (already under contract) but also in the interest of ongoing negotiations with other vaccine developers'¹.

On 11 April, the Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borissov broke silence to say that the price of the Pfizer vaccine had increased from EUR 12 (as Ms De Bleeker noted in December) to EUR 19.50. At the beginning 'Pfizer cost EUR 12, then the price increased to EUR 15.50. Now, contracts are being signed for 900 million vaccines at EUR 19.50 per dose'².

Even if it will not reveal to European citizens the price of the vaccines negotiated with the laboratories, is the Commission able to confirm the increase and explain the reasons for it?

¹ <https://www.capital.fr/economie-politique/vaccins-contre-la-covid-19-une-fuite-sur-les-prix-met-la-commission-europeenne-dans-lembaras-1389081>

² <https://www.euractiv.fr/section/lactu-en-capitales/news/dapres-le-premier-ministre-bulgare-le-prix-du-vaccin-pfizer-est-passe-de-12-e-a-1950-e/>