

**Question for written answer E-004674/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Budget Amendment 6 – COVAX

In its Communication of 11 October 2021, the Commission proposed an amendment to the 2021 EU budget to make it possible to pay for 200 million doses of coronavirus vaccine to be given to developing countries. According to the plans, the Commission would allocate an additional EUR 450 million to reach the sum of EUR 1.3 billion needed to finance the 500 million doses it pledged at the vaccines summit in September. The vaccines will be supplied to the COVAX global access scheme and distributed to countries where they are needed. In its Communication, the Commission points out that no further additional payments will be needed in 2021 to finance these actions. The full amount needed to finance vaccines and the Union Civil Protection Mechanism will be funded through existing instruments (NDICI-GE and the Emergency Support Instrument) or by redirecting payments originally earmarked for other programmes.

On the basis of what available data does the Commission consider that payment appropriations can be offset by reductions in the 'Rural Development Interventions – 2014-2022 programmes' under the EAFRD, and to what extent will this reduction – the surplus identified is EUR 617 million – remain unchanged following final receipt of expenditure declarations and analysis of the Member State forecasts submitted after August this year?