

**Question for written answer E-004899/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
Guido Reil (ID)

Subject: The COVID-19 pandemic

Confinement and business closures, distancing rules and the wearing of masks have seriously damaged the physical and mental health of children and adolescents. Young people have paid a very high price ranging from loneliness and delayed development, eating disorders and online addiction to abuse, depression and suicide.

1. What measures has the Commission taken to keep track of this collateral damage over the past 20 months?
2. What criteria has the Commission used during this period to weigh the collateral damage against the risk of developing COVID-19?