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Subject: Pfizer CEO getting the Distinguished Business Leadership Award

On 10 November 2021, the Commission President took part in a gala in Washington organised by the pro-American lobby group Atlantic Council to mark its 60th anniversary. At this event, she presented the Distinguished 'Business' Leadership Award¹ to the Pfizer CEO for having 'saved millions of lives and exported 860 million COVID-19 vaccine doses produced in Europe to 150 countries'.

This unilateral distinction has created a conflict of interest, as it will prevent the European Medicines Agency (EMA) from being able to refuse the final authorisation of this product in 2023.

Yet, on 11 November, the EMA reported that it was still investigating cases of myocarditis and 5 520 deaths linked to the Pfizer vaccine². Several health authorities, including the French national health authority, recently stopped administering the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to under 30s³.

1. Why did the Commission prefer to communicate on its meeting with the Kosovan singer Dua Lipa than the award given to the Pfizer CEO?
2. Why did it present a 'business' not a science award?
3. Why did the President present this prize when the 'vaccine' has only received conditional authorisation from the EMA, thus putting the agency's independence at risk and lending more weight to any complaints from vaccine victims?

¹ Distinguished Leadership Awards, <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/event/distinguished-leadership-awards-2021/>

² https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/documents/covid-19-vaccine-safety-update/covid-19-vaccine-safety-update-comirnaty-11-november-2021_en.pdf

³ <https://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/ema-to-decide-on-use-of-moderna-covid-vaccine-for-children-under-12-1.4724650>