

**Question for written answer E-005733/2021**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Access to innovative medicines and treatments

Cyprus, a small Member State, is facing various obstacles and difficulties in securing innovative medicines, which is having serious impact on patients. Aside from delays in obtaining such medication, when it does become available it is much more expensive than in other Member States. Measures are therefore needed at European level to ensure the availability of medical devices and equal access to them in all Member States.

The EU must therefore act promptly to improve the situation in this respect as a matter of priority. Particularly in times of crisis, such as the current pandemic, European framework provisions are needed to ensure that patients are given equal access to new, innovative medicines and treatment free of charge.

In view of this,

1. Can the Commission say what measures it intends to take to ensure that all Member States have equal access to innovative medicines and medical devices?
2. What legislative measures will it seek to push through in a bid to ensure swifter access to innovative medicines and treatments, especially for children?