

**Question for written answer E-000362/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Measures to help the trade show and exhibition sector with regard to vaccines not approved by the EMA

The pandemic has put the trade show and exhibition sector in a tough spot. In Italy alone, 70 events were postponed in the first month of 2022. Despite several attempts to help the sector recover, a new challenge has now arisen: exhibitors and buyers from third countries who are vaccinated but have had a vaccine that has not been approved by the European Medicines Agency (EMA), such as Sputnik-V, are not allowed to attend events. Some countries, such as Germany, have decided to let people to take part even in such circumstances.

Given that the EMA's rolling review of the Sputnik-V vaccine, initiated on 4 March 2021, seems far from conclusion and that the international character of trade shows and exhibitions makes them a mainstay of the European export market, can the Commission confirm whether it will:

1. Introduce measures to allow exhibitors and buyers to enter the EU with proof of vaccination, regardless of whether the vaccine administered has been approved by the EMA?
2. Introduce measures to support the trade show and exhibition sector, which has suffered greatly as a result of the pandemic and is essential to the European export market?
3. Urge the EMA to speed up the authorisation of vaccines under rolling reviews?