

**Question for written answer E-001493/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Ukraine and public health in the Multiannual Indicative Programme 2021-27

Annex III to the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument – Global Europe lists thematic priorities for, inter alia, public health assistance.

In addition, the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument itself, within the Multiannual Indicative Programme 2021-2027, reports the launch of a EUR 190 million package to support Ukraine in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences. This support aims to respond to health emergencies, to strengthen the health system, and to mitigate the socio-economic impact of the pandemic. The Instrument should contribute to creating state and societal resilience in the area of global public health by addressing global public health threats, strengthening health systems, achieving universal health coverage, preventing and combating communicable diseases and helping to secure affordable medicines and vaccines for all.

1. In the context of the tragic situation of Russia's aggression against Ukraine, how does the Commission plan to maintain assistance and review the way in which it (a) is distributed under the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument itself, and (b) the way in which the Instrument and the appropriations set out for 2021-2027 are reviewed?
2. How will the intention behind the assistance, which ought to unequivocally state support for Ukrainians currently outside Ukraine's borders on public health issues, be interpreted?