

**Question for written answer E-001682/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Measles outbreak and COVID-19

On 27 April 2022 the WHO announced that the number of reported measles cases worldwide had increased by 79% in the first two months of 2022 compared to the same period in 2021. The WHO and UNICEF are warning of a series of major outbreaks of vaccine-preventable diseases. UN agencies also report that 57 vaccination campaigns affecting 203 million people in 43 countries which were postponed at the beginning of the pandemic are yet to be completed. In 2020, 23 million children lost access to essential vaccines through routine health services, the highest number since 2009 and 3.7 million more than in 2019.

Also on 27 April 2022, the Commission proposed a set of actions to appropriately manage the current phase of the COVID-19 pandemic and drew up preparations for potential further phases. One such action is investment in the recovery of healthcare systems and an assessment of the wider health impacts of the pandemic, including on mental health and delays in patient treatment and care.

1. How, specifically, are these investments to be implemented so as to prevent what the WHO calls a 'perfect storm'?
2. Is a roadmap being drawn up for avoiding the convergence of 'ideal' conditions for preventable outbreaks of infectious diseases?