

**Question for written answer E-002100/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Transatlantic SCBTH agreement

On 19 May 2022, the Commission and the United States signed a collaboration agreement in Berlin on preparedness and response to public health threats. This transatlantic agreement will be overseen by the European Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA) and the Directorate-General for Health and Food Safety on the EU side, and by the Department of Health and Human Services on the US side. The increased cooperation will focus on epidemic and supply chain information, research and innovation, and the production of medical countermeasures, including vaccines and therapeutics, with the aim of enhancing synergies in the area of preparedness and response to public health risks.

Taking into account the Commission's activities under Article 168 (protecting public health), Article 114 (the single market) and Article 153 (social policy) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, in what specific ways does the newly concluded administrative agreement complement the existing joint statement by the United States and the Commission on creating a joint COVID-19 manufacturing and supply chain task force? And how does the new agreement amend the September 2021 five-point agenda for defeating the global pandemic?