

**Question for written answer E-003537/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
Marcel de Graaff (NI)

Subject: Contribution of the EU to the development of a lethal influenza virus by the Erasmus Medical Centre

Reports indicate that the Erasmus Medical Centre was involved in the development of a lethal influenza virus¹. This virus is not only capable of disrupting society, but could even wipe out humanity. In addition, the Erasmus MC laboratory is located in the most densely populated area of the EU.

The development of this virus is, inter alia, in breach of the 1972 Biological Weapons Convention.

The EU has previously cooperated with the Wuhan Institute of Virology, the World Economic Forum and several Ukrainian laboratories.

1. Can the Commission indicate whether it has been involved in any way (including grants, donations or expertise) in the development, conservation and/or deployment of this virus or similar pathogens?
2. Can the Commission explain the nature of such involvement, making public the relevant amounts, entities (e.g. Erasmus MC) and data (including internal and external correspondence)?
3. If the Commission has not been involved in the above matter, does it intend to make representations to the Netherlands with regard to these life-threatening activities?

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¹ <https://www.erasmusmagazine.nl/2011/11/25/erasmus-mc-ontwikkelt-dodelijk-griepvirus/#:~:text=Onderzoekers%20van%20het%20Erasmus%20MC,Dat%20meldt%20de%20Volkskrant%20vandaag>