

**Question for written answer E-003766/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Alliance for the manufacturing of vaccines, medicines and health technologies and the strengthening of health resilience in Latin America

In June 2022, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Pedro Sánchez, Prime Minister of Spain, launched a new 'EU-Latin America and Caribbean partnership on local manufacturing of vaccines, medicines and other health technologies, and strengthening health systems resilience'. The objective of this partnership is to complement and further enhance social, economic and scientific ties between the EU and Latin America. True cooperation and solidarity is very much needed. In July 2022, the Pan American Health Organization reported that a third of the population of the Americas had not been vaccinated against COVID-19, while 10 countries had a COVID-19 vaccine coverage below 40 %.

1. Has the Commission considered cooperating in this area with Cuba, the only country in Latin America and the Caribbean that has developed and produced its own vaccines?
2. What role does the Commission see for Cuban biotechnology and Cuban vaccines in the aforementioned partnership?

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