Question for written answer E-000752/2023/rev.1
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: EU state of readiness for the rise of cyber-attacks on our hospitals and healthcare
              systems and response thereto

According to the 2022 report by the World Economic Forum, cyber-terrorism is the greatest danger facing the world today. In 2022, the global number of cyber-attacks increased by 38%, with healthcare, education and public administration being the three sectors most affected. In 2021, the Spanish public health sector sustained over 120 cyber-attacks classified as highly dangerous and over 2 000 classified as dangerous.

1.   In view of this, is the Commission considering the inclusion of hospitals and health centres on the list of critical infrastructures that it is essential to protect against such hybrid attacks?

2.   What measures is it taking to protect healthcare systems in the EU, such as retaining EU-wide data relating to cyber-attacks on essential infrastructures like hospitals?

3.   Is the Commission offering guidance to the Member States in a bid to ensure that they use NextGenerationEU funding to protect the health sector from cyber-attacks?

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