

**Question for written answer E-003051/2023
to the Commission**
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Subject: The future of the Vaccine Confidence Project

The COVID-19 pandemic underscored the importance of EU vaccination cooperation and the challenges of vaccine misinformation. Before the pandemic and as part of the 2018-2022 EU vaccination roadmap, the Commission drew up biannual reports on vaccine confidence in the EU through the Vaccine Confidence Project. These reports help policymakers understand public attitudes to vaccinations, assisting Member States in countering vaccine hesitancy. Member States welcomed and accepted the need for the initiative in the 2018 Council Recommendation on strengthened cooperation against vaccine-preventable diseases.

Vaccine hesitancy currently poses a significant public health threat, as reiterated in the 2022 Council conclusions on vaccination as a key disease prevention tool. The 2022 Vaccine Confidence Report revealed a worrying decline in confidence among individuals aged 18–34. This demographic influences future vaccination trends. Sustaining efforts initiated in response to the 2018 Council Recommendation to address vaccine hesitancy is vital for long-term public health.

Given this:

1. How will the Commission use the 2022 Vaccine Confidence Report, and what steps will it take to address declining confidence among 18-34-year-olds?
2. What is the future of the Vaccine Confidence Project in the EU?
3. How will the Commission continue vaccination efforts after the 2018-2022 EU vaccination roadmap concludes?

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