

**Question for written answer E-003364/2023/rev.1**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: What has happened to 4.6 billion COVID vaccines?

According to the European Court of Auditors, the Commission signed contracts worth a total of EUR 71 billion to obtain up to 4.6 billion doses of vaccine against COVID-19<sup>1</sup>.

MEPs have not had access to the prices of the doses or to the distribution of doses per country.

The order for 10 doses per person led to predictable wastage.

In fact, less than one billion doses have been used in the EU.

According to the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC), 1 485 522 082 doses have been supplied and 981 410 200 doses have been administered within the EU/EEA<sup>2</sup> (as of 5 October 2023).

Yet the European Medicines Agency maintains that 768 million doses have been administered<sup>3</sup>.

1. How does the Commission explain that there is a difference of 213 million administered doses between the EMA figures and the ECDC figures, and which figure is correct?
2. What has happened to the 4.6 billion vaccine doses? Can the Commission provide details of the number of doses administered, stored, destroyed, ordered and remaining to be delivered to the EU/EEA or exported to countries outside the European Union (e.g. under the COVAX Facility)?

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR22\\_19/SR\\_EU\\_COVID\\_vaccine\\_procurement\\_EN.pdf](https://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR22_19/SR_EU_COVID_vaccine_procurement_EN.pdf).

<sup>2</sup> <https://vaccinetracker.ecdc.europa.eu/public/extensions/COVID-19/vaccine-tracker.html#distribution-tab>.

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.ema.europa.eu/en/human-regulatory/overview/public-health-threats/coronavirus-disease-covid-19/covid-19-medicines/safety-covid-19-vaccines> (figures from May 2023); This figure was confirmed by the Commission on 6 November 2023: [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-002470-ASW\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2023-002470-ASW_EN.html).