

**Question for written answer E-003414/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Emergency health information card

During a medical emergency, access to basic health information about a patient can be the difference between life and death. A system which would allow for universal access to this basic information (name, contacts, medicines, allergies, etc.) could overcome barriers such as language and unresponsive individuals.

A number of private physical cards exist, which contain this information in print or digital format. However, none are generally known or accepted, especially outside their country of origin. In order to make such cards more widely used by the general public, an EU-level standardised approach, supported by the Member States' health authorities, would likely be needed. This could be a potential addition to the EU Digital Identity.

Therefore, could the Commission please inform Parliament:

1. Is the Commission aware of such initiatives?
2. Could it envisage a potential EU-level approach to the adoption of an emergency health information card, either in private or public form?
3. Could it possibly see this as additional information that could be voluntarily added to the European Health Insurance Card through a QR code or chip or to a national identification card via the European Digital Identity?

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