

**Question for written answer E-003643/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The COUNTERACT European Defence Fund project: European agile network for Medical Countermeasures against CBRN Threats

The COUNTERACT project, financed with EUR 49.1 million from the European Defence Fund, will establish a network within the European Union to develop and deploy medical countermeasures (MCMs) against major chemical – biological – radiological and nuclear (CBRN) threats:

Can the Commission specify:

1. Which specific measures the project will develop to ensure an 'immediate response' to future unknown medical CBRN threats to civilians?
2. Which specific research challenges of the project on virology, immunology, pharmacology and radiobiology will be considered beyond similar civil research challenges?
3. Specifically, how the project will initiate a core of European research on military health issues?

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