

**Question for written answer E-000224/2024  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Are the ECDC figures on the vaccine doses delivered to the Member States and administered correct and verified by the Commission?

According to the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC), the EU agency responsible for pandemics, around 1.5 billion doses have been delivered and 1 billion doses have been injected<sup>1</sup>. That would therefore mean that around 500 million doses have not been used directly, including 100 million in France (figures as of 5 October 2023, no update since then).

Unlike Italy, France seems to have received many more vaccines than it has used: 260 million doses have reportedly been delivered but just 160 million have been administered, which is a potential waste of 100 million vaccines. Italy appears to have wasted 14 times fewer jabs than France: only 7 million doses have been delivered but not administered.

According to *Politico*, 215 million doses – worth EUR 4 billion – are known to have been thrown away in Europe.<sup>2</sup>

1. Has the Commission verified the ECDC figures and can it confirm that the difference in the number of doses distributed and administered is 100 million for France?
2. Does the ECDC base its information on figures provided by the Commission, France or the manufacturers?
3. How does the Commission explain the ECDC's seemingly inconsistent figures for Denmark: 15 million jabs administered but just 9 million delivered?

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<sup>1</sup> According to the ECDC, 1 485 522 082 doses have been supplied and 981 410 200 doses have been administered within the EU/EEA; in France, 260 480 930 doses have been distributed and 160 412 817 administered; in Italy, 157 million doses have been distributed and 150 million administered.

<sup>2</sup> France refused to reply to *Politico*. 'If this average waste rate is projected across the rest of the EU, it would equal more than 312 million destroyed vaccines.' <https://www.politico.eu/article/europe-bonfire-covid-vaccines-coronavirus-waste-europe-analysis>.