

**Priority question for written answer P-002361/2020/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

**Simona Baldassarre (ID)**

**Subject:** Inadequate implementation of 'Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Planning in the European Union' as provided for by COM(2005)607

In 2005, the Commission forwarded to Parliament a plan for EU action in the event of a pandemic (COM(2005)607).

It does not seem to have been applied during the COVID-19 crisis, even though it provided for action at European level and assigned specific responsibilities to the Commission in the various phases of a pandemic.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission consider that it has done enough to carry out the required action, including coordination of guidance to national authorities on how to review and update national contingency plans, based on evolving scientific information; cooperation in the distribution of supplies to healthcare institutions to combat the infection; prevention and containment, with the provision of vaccines and antivirals; coordination of containment measures, and communication?
2. Does it believe that that the ECDC has adequately performed its tasks, such as promoting monitoring of needs and health institutions in countries at risk, and providing adequate support to national authorities, stepping up monitoring of the disease in order to identify other cases, determine the epidemiological context and identify groups at risk?
3. Does it consider that its own action has been adequate and sufficiently prompt to avoid consequences for which it would otherwise be held accountable?

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