

**Priority question for written answer P-000008/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Vaccine doses and EU coordination

Numerous press sources concur that the German Government has acquired directly, and separately from the EU agreements, 30 million vaccine doses.

Behaviour of this kind, which a number of Member States have denounced moreover, does not seem to be in line with the extremely firm 'EU solidarity' so called for in these months of the pandemic, and there is a risk it will weaken the EU institutions' response at this stage of the crisis.

Furthermore, the fact that one Member State acts in this way makes the fair distribution of vaccines across the EU difficult. It distorts the conditions sought by the Commission and puts millions of citizens in different Member States at a disadvantage as a result.

In view of this situation, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. Does it consider Germany's behaviour to be in line with the EU solidarity so often called for on this issue, and is this an initiative others can share in?
2. How does it view the fact that, at such a delicate stage, one Member State prefers to act on its own initiative rather than take a coordinated approach?
3. What action will it take to ensure that citizens of the different EU countries can have equal rights in the allocation of vaccine quotas, even if there are no companies producing vaccines in their own countries?