

**Priority question for written answer P-002800/2021
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: SARS-CoV-2 biodetection by canids

The fight against the COVID-19 pandemic must focus on investing in the various tools we have available and investing in research into new tools.

Biodetection of people infected with SARS-CoV-2 by canids has proven to be very effective and cheap. It could also be used to allow certain activities, such as tourism and culture, to resume safely and for the early detection of infected people in busy locations, such as stadiums and airports, thus reducing new transmission chains and preventing new cases.

1. Does the Commission intend to regulate the use of canids in the biodetection of diseases so that they can be used homogeneously within the EU?
2. Could biodetection by canids be used to recommend a safe and coordinated resumption of activity, complementing other measures being introduced in the fight against the pandemic, such as the COVID-19 digital certificate?
3. How can HERA boost research and development into new diagnostic methodologies, including the use of canids, improving the capacity of biomedical research in the EU?