

**Priority question for written answer P-000620/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Free movement of persons in the EU

According to the legislation on the free movement of persons in the EU, every EU citizen has the right to travel and reside freely in any Member State. Exceptions are to be granted only sparingly; they must be strictly necessary to serve a higher goal – such as public health – and moreover, they must be proportionate.

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has not yet recommended a third dose for 12 to 17-year-olds as there are no sufficient scientific grounds for this. Nevertheless, some Member States, including Austria, France, Germany and Italy, have launched a third dose campaign for this age group. In addition, members of this age group will only be allowed to enter these countries if they have had a third dose, even if they come from countries where the third dose campaign for their age group is controversial and has not (yet) been introduced.

1. How does the Commission assess this action by Austria, France, Germany and Italy in light of the fact that exceptions to the free movement of persons should be made only rarely?
2. Does the Commission consider the requirement for a third dose to be proportionate and compatible with the fact that the third dose for adolescents is not recommended in some Member States and that the EMA has not yet recommended this vaccination?