

**Priority question for written answer P-000052/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Shortage of medicines across Europe

The shortage of antibiotics and other medicines is affecting the daily lives of millions of people, who are having to deal with the consequences of not being able to access essential medications.

1. Can the Commission explain what urgent measures it will take to address the current shortage of medicines and how it will ensure access to essential medications such as antibiotics, especially during the winter months?
2. Can it explain what steps have been taken by the European Medicines Agency, including in terms of coordination, to prevent shortages or mitigate their effects and facilitate the fair distribution of medicines across Europe?

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