

**Question for written answer E-002574/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: COVID-19 vaccines: French contribution to financing doses for Spain (EUR 400 million?)

The Commission has refused to specify how many COVID-19 vaccine doses were purchased only to be destroyed¹. '[T]he Commission secured a maximum amount of up to 4.6 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines in agreement with and on behalf of the Member States, without requiring them to commit to purchasing this maximum amount.' Yet less than a billion doses were actually administered.

According to the European Commission, the European Regional Development Fund was mobilised by different Spanish regions (around EUR 2 billion), as well as Lisbon (EUR 238 million) and Estonia (EUR 52 million) to finance the purchase of vaccine doses up until the end of December 2023 and carry out communication campaigns². EU funds did not directly finance these doses, but the EU partners contributed 100 % in each case.

Considering that no similar information has been found for France or other countries on the European Commission's website:

1. Which other EU countries financed their purchases of COVID-19 vaccines with European regional funds or other EU instruments?
2. How many doses were financed by European regional funds in 2023, when the pandemic officially ended in spring 2022?
3. Has the Commission checked whether the doses paid for with EU funds but not delivered were produced by Pfizer?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2023-003364_EN.html

² [https://kohesio.ec.europa.eu/en/projects?sort=Total-Budget-\(descending\)&keywords=vaccine&page=3](https://kohesio.ec.europa.eu/en/projects?sort=Total-Budget-(descending)&keywords=vaccine&page=3); <https://kohesio.ec.europa.eu/en/projects/Q4485013>; <https://kohesio.ec.europa.eu/en/projects/Q4485013>; <https://kohesio.ec.europa.eu/en/projects/Q4687136>; <https://kohesio.ec.europa.eu/en/projects/Q4687099>; <https://kohesio.ec.europa.eu/en/projects/Q6860901>; Andalusia (EUR 322 228 930 and EUR 44 731 652), Barcelona (EUR 293 927 550 and EUR 40 802 868), Madrid (EUR 255 179 120 and EUR 35 423 830)[2], Lisbon (EUR 238 684 490) and Estonia (EUR 52 767 804)