

**Question for written answer E-002656/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Findings of the COVID-19 crisis management unit of the Robert Koch Institute

The Robert Koch Institute is the central federal institute in the field of infection control in the Federal Republic of Germany. Its expertise is also in great demand at international level and it works closely with institutions worldwide, including the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO). Since Decision No 1082/2013/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2013 on serious cross-border threats to health, it has been determined that in the event of a pandemic, the Commission shall be responsible for coordinating all measures and there is to be an unrestricted exchange of information between EU Member States and the Commission. Austria's former Minister of Health, for example, stated that the Austrian Government has been receiving the findings of the Robert Koch Institute's COVID-19 crisis management unit since March 2020.

1. When did the Commission start receiving the findings of the Robert Koch Institute's COVID-19 crisis management unit?
2. Since when have other Commission bodies or advisory committees – in particular the ECDC or the EMA – also been receiving the findings of the Robert Koch Institute's COVID-19 crisis management unit?
3. What protocols, data, recommendations or information has the Robert Koch Institute received in return from the Commission or its bodies and advisory committees since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, and since when?

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