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Subject: Proliferation of tiger mosquitoes in southern regions of France and of Europe

We are witnessing a veritable invasion of tiger mosquitoes in southern regions of France and of Europe. They are not only harmful, but also pose a health hazard. They are vectors of diseases such as dengue, chikungunya and Zika virus.

Cases of dengue (178 cases¹ in Occitanie² in 2024³) and chikungunya have been reported in southern France⁴. In 2023, 82 indigenous dengue cases were reported in Italy⁵, and the species has spread to all regions of Romania⁶ and Spain⁷, even to the most inland areas such as Aragon or Madrid⁸.

Municipalities must carry out investment plans: install mosquito traps⁹, eliminate stagnant water or introduce natural predators of the tiger mosquito¹⁰.

In view of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to unlock funds to enable affected European municipalities to invest in measures to combat the tiger mosquito?
2. Will it support the measures to combat the health risk posed by tiger mosquitoes, in particular by releasing sterilised males to prevent their reproduction¹¹?

¹ According to French Public Health Data, December 2024.

² Actu.fr (21 July 2024). 'Tiger mosquito invasion in Tarn: mosquito control operation and measures', *Actu Occitanie*, https://actu.fr/occitanie/albi_81004/invasion-de-moustiques-tigres-dans-le-tarn-une-operation-de-demoustication-et-des-mesures_59894192.html.

³ According to the 5 November 2024 epidemiological update by the Occitanie Regional Health Agency (ARS Occitanie), there had been three confirmed indigenous dengue outbreaks.

⁴ *France 24* (18 June 2025). 'Chikungunya: the two recent indigenous cases are the earliest ever identified in mainland France', *France 24*, <https://www.france24.com/fr/info-en-continu/20250618-chikungunya-les-deux-cas-autochtones-r%C3%A9cents-sont-les-plus-pr%C3%A9coces-jamais-identifi%C3%A9s-en-m%C3%A9tropole>.

⁵ Based on ECDC data.

⁶ *Romania Insider* (8 May 2024). 'Mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus found in Bucharest', *Romania Insider*, <https://www.romania-insider.com/mosquitoes-west-nile-virus-found-bucharest-2024>.

⁷ *Le Petit Journal*, Madrid (June 2025). 'Tiger mosquito in Spain: risk of dengue', *Le Petit Journal*, <https://lepetitjournal.com/madrid/sante/moustique-tigre-espagne-risques-dengue-388770>.

⁸ According to Carlos III Hospital in Madrid.

⁹ Department of Tarn (n.d.). 'The Department is taking action against the tiger mosquito', Tarn.fr, <https://www.tarn.fr/votre-departement/agit-a-vos-cotes/pour-la-sante/le-departement-agit-contre-le-moustique-tigre#:~:text=Le%20d%C3%A9partement%20du%20Tarn%20ne,sont%20concern%C3%A9s%20dont%20le%20Tarn>.

¹⁰ *La Dépêche du Midi* (26 May 2025). "'This plague is making life miserable for local residents': how several municipalities in the Tarn region are combating the proliferation of tiger mosquitoes before the summer", *LaDepeche.fr*, <https://www.ladepeche.fr/2025/====doc--fleau-pollue-la-vie-de-nos-concitoyens-comment-plusieurs-communes-du-tarn-luttent-contre-la-prolifération-des-moustiques-tigres-avant-lete-12690547.php>.

¹¹ Mousteek (n.d.). 'The sterile insect technique tested in Italy', Mousteek, <https://www.mousteek.fr/moustique-tigre-sterile-italie/>.

3. Does it intend to launch a European plan to combat tiger mosquitoes – which have been ravaging the southern regions of Europe for many years – in particular through mosquito eradication measures?

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