

**Question for written answer E-002971/2025
to the Commission**
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Subject: Pandemic reaction time

Following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the European Union provided financial support to Member States facing exceptional circumstances beyond their control.

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on 11 March 2020. In response, the EU introduced two major instruments: the SURE instrument, to support Member States in protecting employment, and NextGenerationEU (NGEU), as a broader recovery instrument.

The Commission proposed the SURE instrument on 2 April 2020, 23 days after the outbreak was declared a pandemic, and NGEU on 27 May 2020, 78 days after the pandemic declaration.

In the Commission's view, what is the maximum amount of time, in line with the Treaties, that may elapse between the outbreak of any exceptional crisis and the provision of financial support to respond to that crisis?

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