

**Question for written answer E-003130/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
Gerald Hauser (PfE)

Subject: 'Blue Orchid' exercise

The answer given by Olivér Várhelyi on behalf of the Commission on 30 June 2025 (E-001040/2025(ASW))¹ stated: 'Furthermore, the Commission and the ECDC organised the exercise 'Blue Orchid' to test crisis management functions, procedures, and communication channels between the Commission and the ECDC.' Despite this official confirmation, it has not been possible to find any publicly available information about the ECDC exercise 'Blue Orchid' that is said to have taken place on 8 February 2019 – neither on the website of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) nor in reports or publications.

1. What were the key elements and scenarios of the Blue Orchid exercise?
2. What specific lessons have been learned from the exercise and what conclusions have been or will be drawn from it?
3. Where and in what form can details of the Blue Orchid exercise – in particular what it comprised, the institutions involved, the participants and the results – be accessed by the public?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-001040-ASW_EN.html.