

Press release – COVID-19: debate on developing countries' access to vaccines



Date: Thursday, 4 February, 9:30-10:30

Venue: ANTALL 4Q2 and via [live webstreaming](#)

MEPs are expected to urge the Commission to help make vaccines available to developing countries and will be asked to explain how this can be achieved.

Background

In an [upcoming draft report](#), the committee is set to ask for substantial new funds to assist developing countries worldwide in their fight against COVID-19, including by making vaccines available globally. Last spring, Development Committee Chair [Tomas Tobé](#) (EPP, SE) [called for such action](#), and the committee urged the international community to [protect the most vulnerable](#).

In a debate in November 2020, the GAVI vaccine alliance told the committee they planned to deliver [two billion doses of safe, effective COVID-19 vaccines](#) by 2021.