



*Ministère des Solidarités et de la Santé*  
*Ministère des Finances et de l'Économie*



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Dear President,

Dear Commissioner,

Accelerating and ensuring access to vaccines against coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 is one of the most pressing issues the European Union has to currently tackle.

To this goal, we, a Core-group of Member States : Germany, France, Italy and The Netherlands, have agreed to join forces in order to ensure the quickest and best possible outcome in the negotiation process launched with key players of the pharmaceutical industry.

This « Inclusive Vaccine Alliance » (the Alliance) has already engaged discussions with several pharmaceutical companies currently developing vaccines, with the aim of securing a sufficient supply for the EU and beyond. The Inclusive Vaccine Alliance will also take into account the possibility of manufacturing such vaccines on European soil. The Alliance will ensure in a fair and transparent process that every Member State of the EU may receive under the terms of the respective contract an equal share of available vaccine based on the respective population size. Our initiative is meant to be guided by the following principles: a scientific approach to vaccine selection, and collaboration and transparency between Member States and industrial third parties.

Therefore, the Core group offers other Member States the possibility to participate in the opportunities prepared by the Alliance for the benefit of the EU population and beyond as associating our work and efforts to provide vaccine to all Member States and share the risk at best is a common goal. The Alliance also wishes to closely collaborate with the European Commission and is ready to discuss further details at your best convenience.

You will find enclosed the memorandum of understanding as agreed today by our respective Governments. It sets a platform of objectives we seek, methods we intend to follow and commitments we would expect from the private sector.

We look forward discussing the matter at the Coreper and at the Council as soon as we possibly can.

Yours faithfully,

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