

Securing future COVID-19 vaccines for Europeans

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VACCINES ARE OUR BEST CHANCE TO PUT AN END TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

The European Commission is building one of the broadest portfolios of different vaccines that are safe, effective and affordable.



The Commission secured doses of **six of the most promising** vaccines so far. More may come.



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Some of these future vaccines are based on **new technologies**, so we can develop and produce them rapidly in the face of the emergency.



They are also based on **different technologies**, to improve our chances of finding effective ones rapidly.



Vaccines will only go on the market after a **thorough and rigorous evaluation** to prove they are safe for all.



Once authorised, the vaccines will be available to EU countries at the **same time** and at the **same conditions**.



So far, the Commission has secured almost

2 billion doses



*if vaccine is only a one shot dose



To be effective, most vaccines are likely to need two doses per person. **We have secured sufficient doses of vaccines for EU citizens.** Vaccination will be voluntary.



Europe is investing in vaccines **not only for Europeans.** EU countries may donate vaccine doses to vulnerable countries in the neighbourhood and beyond.



The European Commission could **grant marketing authorisation to COVID-19 vaccines already this year**, if the European Medicines Agency delivers a scientific opinion on their safety and efficacy.



To speed up the process, **the European Medicines Agency has already started reviewing the safety and effectiveness** of three vaccines: AstraZeneca, BioNTech and Pfizer, Moderna.



The first European citizens might already be vaccinated **before the end of December.**

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