

January 15, 2021

**Mrs. Stella Kyriakides**  
Commissioner for Health and Food Safety

Dear Stella,

We are writing to You with severe concern about the sustainability and credibility of the COVID-19 vaccination process, following the oral announcements of BioNTech/Pfizer representatives about their delivery difficulties.

We commend the work You, Your team and the entire European Commission did in intensively establishing the mechanism of Joint Procurement of the Covid-19 vaccines. Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Denmark and Sweden among all other EU Member States are committed to the Joint Mechanism, timely responded to APAs, and contributed to top-up the ESI as requested. Our solidarity and joint work on rollout of vaccines gave an optimism in the entire European Union.

While still having a very difficult situation with a pandemic in the countries, we have a clear vaccination strategy and precise plan to vaccinate concrete risk groups in the coming days, weeks and months.

Therefore, we were and still are looking for the increase of the vaccines production and deliveries from BioNTech/Pfizer after the European Commission successfully secured additional 300 mln. doses of vaccines from new incoming BioNTech/Pfizer facilities within the EU.

However, officials responsible for vaccination in our countries were informed by BioNTech/Pfizer local representatives that delivery to our countries will be substantially reduced in the coming weeks, some were given the deadline of February 8, 2021, some were given no information on the duration of the intended decreased deliveries.

We are obliged to inform our public and the particular risk groups (persons), that their vaccination will be delayed, regardless of the outstanding efforts by our Governments to ensure their timely delivery. This situation is unacceptable. Not only

does it impact the planned vaccination schedules, it also decreases the credibility of the vaccination process.

We request You to urgently engage with BioNTech/Pfizer to demand a public explanation of the situation and to stress the need to ensure stability and transparency of timely deliveries. National Governments cannot plan for successful vaccination without predictability of the vaccine delivery schedules.

We believe in Your capability to help the Member States in this complicated situation with equally strong determination with which You have led the process so far.

Sincerely,



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Lithuania



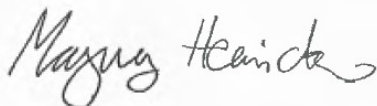
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