

Press Release

The Belgian Watchdog group *Initiative Citoyenne* demands information from the European Commission on its procurement of Covid-19 vaccines.

The European Commission has taken it upon itself to place an urgent order for coronavirus vaccines, without a glimmer of transparency. There is also mention of a general vaccination mandate and exemptions from other legislation (such as GMOs). *Initiative Citoyenne* is requesting access to the various scientific and technical documents giving the Commission authority to place this order.

Initiative Citoyenne is a group consisting of both doctors and non-medically trained individuals, created in Belgium in 2009, the year of the AH1N1 swine flu pandemic. The movement's aim at that time was to obtain answers to public health-related questions presaged by treatment of the disease [1], so as to comply with patient rights, particularly free and informed consent. As it turned out later, the large number of adverse effects reported (e.g. narcolepsy) highlighted the appropriateness of the group's initial approach involving questioning followed by lawsuits. [2]

More than a decade later, with the coronavirus crisis, those same questions are even more relevant [3]. The European Commission is now planning, behind the scenes, to order hundreds of millions of doses of a vaccine whose effects are totally unknown [4]. Over the last few days, the press has reported the possibility of a mandate to vaccinate the entire population against this disease [5]. It also appears that when it comes to manufacture of the vaccine, exemptions to certain environmental protection laws such as the use of GMOs, may be granted [6]. *Initiative Citoyenne* has therefore contacted the European Commission for Health, through one of their attorneys, Maître Stéphane Rixhon, member of the Brussels bar, to obtain all the documents relevant to this public contract [7]. Exercising its right of access to administrative documents, *Initiative Citoyenne* hopes to unravel some of the mystery surrounding this European project with a disturbing aura when it comes to the health of all Europeans.

Initiative Citoyenne has also joined with the Flemish group *Tegenstroom*, to launch an **online petition** [8], demanding *absolute freedom of choice* with respect to these future vaccines. This petition, in both French and Dutch, has already gathered over 5000 signatures as of today's date [9].

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References:

[1] Article in Belgian newspaper *la Libre*, 25th September 2009, i.e before the widespread vaccine campaign, on the questions put by *Initiative Citoyenne*: <https://www.lalibre.be/belgique/inoffensif-le-vaccin-contre-la-grippe-h1n1-51b731cfe4b0de6db97544d1>. In 2017, well after the widespread

vaccination campaign, Dr Vytenys Andriukaitis, ex-European Health Commissioner expresses regret over the “terrifying experiences” of H1N1 swine flu vaccine victims...

<https://inews.co.uk/news/health/eu-health-commissioner-narcolepsy-swine-flu-vaccine-528881>

[2] 10 questions put to the Belgian government on swine flu: <http://ddata.over-blog.com/xxxyyy/3/27/09/71/Lettre---Dix-questions-au-gouvernement-belge-sur-la-vaccinat.pdf>.

October 2019, Initiative Citoyenne files a lawsuit against the Belgian government, demanding information: <https://www.dhnet.be/actu/belgique/initiative-citoyenne-contre-vaccin-h1n1-plaidoiries-le-3010-51b7a82de4b0de6db9862638>. Initiative Citoyenne appeal action (demanding publication of the H1N1 swine flu vaccine procurement contract between the Belgian government and GSK): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-DQKR8jucEQ>. Publication of the secret contract between the state and GSK would be surrealistic: <http://initiativecitoyenne.be/article-le-contrat-entre-l-etat-belge-et-gsk-est-revele-49894095.html>

[3] On April 13th, Initiative Citoyenne sent a letter to Mme Wilmès, through their attorney Georges Henri Beauthier, to which (in spite of promises, cf. *Le Soir* newspaper of the 22nd April) she has sent no response, along with a formal notice, copied to the king, on the 1st of June 2020, all relating to the coronavirus issue. http://data.over-blog-kiwi.com/1/47/73/60/20200413/ob_9d8999_questions-au-gouvernement-sur-le-coron.pdf https://data.over-blog-kiwi.com/1/47/73/60/20200425/ob_21d144_article-le-soir-22-avril-2020-action.pdf <http://initiativecitoyenne.be/2020/06/coronavirus-tracing-5g-et-futurs-vaccins-mise-en-demeure-du-gouvernement-de-sophie-wilmes-avec-copie-au-roi.html>

[4] “The contracts are reportedly for procurement of “300 to 600 million doses”, assuming that each person would need one or two doses. ‘The goal is to vaccinate 300 million people’.”

<https://www.lecho.be/economie-politique/europe/general/l-ue-devoile-sa-strategie-pour-trouver-le-plus-tot-possible-un-vaccin-contre-le-covid-19/10232616.html>

[5] Minister Koen Geens, 19th May 2020 : “Koen Geens rock solid on corona vaccine: “If they refuse, we’ll force them”.” <https://www.redactie24.be/news/30747/koen-geens-is-onwrikbaar-over-vaccin-tegen-corona-wie-niet-wil-verplichten-we>

[6] Cf. article in *l’Echo* newspaper mentioned in note number 4 above. “There would also be temporary exemptions to certain regulations, **particularly those to do with the impact of GMOs on the environment.**”

[7] Letter from Attorney Rixhon to the European Commission: https://data.over-blog-kiwi.com/1/47/73/60/20200626/ob_06ee3c_demande-d-acces-aux-documents-adminis.pdf

[8] French version of the petition:

https://www.petitionenligne.be/pas_de_vaccination_obligatoire_contre_le_covid-19?u=5596570&s=73462541&utm_source=fb_share

[9] Dutch version of the petition: <https://petitie.be/petitie/geen-verplichte-vaccinatie-tegen-covid-19>.