



On the Agenda

How can the EU fix the vaccines situation?

11 February 2021, 14h00 – 15h00 (CET)

Zoom Webinar

ABOUT THE EVENT

The announced delays in the delivery of the Covid-19 vaccines are a disappointment for the EU, and as always in such complex situations, there is no single answer as to why this is happening. The European Commission seems to have struggled to secure the number of vaccines needed for European citizens. EC President, Ursula von der Leyen affirmed that “Europe is determined to contribute to this global common good, but it also means business”, when in fact it seems to have realised too late that business means business for the pharmaceuticals companies as well. By putting the vaccine procurement process through the bureaucratic and political maze of Brussels, the Commission did not proceed in the most transparent way. Recent errors have added an unwelcome unpredictability.

What is the status of the Transparency and Authorisation Mechanism for exports of vaccines? Why is Europe lagging behind and whose fault is it? Can the EU catch up with the UK and the USA in the vaccination game, while also providing transparency and protecting the Single Market and free trade? Why did the EU agree to rely on conventional contract law to develop a new vaccine, without trying to obtain shared licences for vaccine patents? As events unfold, ELF is offering an open space to assess new developments and keep the discussion going.



EVENT SCHEDULE

13h55 Participants connect to the Zoom event

14h00 Opening Remarks

Daniel Kaddik, Executive Director, European Liberal Forum

14h03 Introduction by the Moderator

Sam Morgan, EU Affairs reporter

14h06 First intervention

Claudia Gamon, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group

14h13 Second intervention

Sibilia Quilici, Executive Director, Vaccines Europe

14h20 Third intervention

J. Scott Marcus, Senior Fellow, Bruegel

14h27 Moderated debate

14h57 Closing Remarks

15h00 End of event

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