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Coronavirus: Commission announces further measures to support the agri-food sector

Source: European Commission

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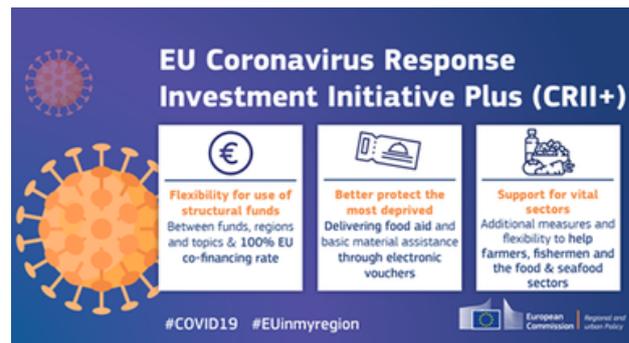
The European Commission announces a new set of measures to help the agri-food sector in this unparalleled crisis, following the outbreak of the Coronavirus.

CRII+ Initiative

The Coronavirus response investment initiative plus (CRII+) proposed today by the European Commission introduces exceptional flexibility and simplification in the use of the European structural investment funds (ESIF), including the **European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD)**.



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Regarding the EAFRD, the CRII+ will support farmers, rural areas and EU countries by increasing flexibility in the use of those funds, including:

- Flexibility in the use of financial instruments: Farmers and other rural development beneficiaries will be able to benefit from loans or guarantees of up to €200,000 at favourable conditions, such as very low interest rates or favourable payment schedules.
- Reallocation of funds: EU countries will be allowed to use money left unused under their rural development programmes (RDP), rather than sending it back into the EU budget. The money will still have to be used in the framework of the respective RDP.
- Postponement for the submission of annual reports: the deadline for EU countries to submit these reports on the implementation of their RDPs is postponed, giving more time to national authorities to put it together.
- No amendments to partnership agreements required: EU countries will not have to amend their partnership agreements to modify their RDPs, lifting some administrative procedures. ■

SURE instrument: new European Commission initiative to keep jobs and businesses going

Source: European Commission
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Spain is one of the European Union countries that has been most affected by the coronavirus. In spite of the difficulties, the **Spanish people are demonstrating an admirable capacity for resistance and have shown the solidarity that characterises them.**

The European Commission has announced a new economic initiative: **SURE: An aid scheme to help maintain employment.**

What is SURE and why is the Commission proposing it?

The new instrument for temporary Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) is designed to help protect jobs and workers affected by the coronavirus pandemic. It will provide financial assistance, in the form of loans granted on favourable terms from the EU to Member States, of up to €100 billion in total. These loans will assist Member States to address sudden increases in public expenditure to preserve employment.

Specifically, these loans will help Member States to cover the costs directly related to the creation or extension of national short-time work schemes, and other similar measures they have put in place for the self-employed as a response to the current coronavirus pandemic.

Short-time work schemes are programmes that under certain circumstances allow firms experiencing economic difficulties to temporarily reduce the hours worked by their employees, which are provided with public income support for the hours not worked. Similar schemes apply for income replacement for the self-employed. SURE would provide additional EU support to finance Member States' short-time work schemes, and other similar measures, helping to protect jobs.

How much funding will be available for the EU as a whole and for individual Member States?

Up to €100 billion in total financial assistance will be available to all Member States ■



"New economic initiative: SURE. A scheme to help maintain employment."

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Coronavirus: seasonal workers included in new guidelines to ensure free movement of critical workers

Source: European Commission

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The European Commission has published a new practical advice to ensure that mobile workers within the EU that qualify as critical workers in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic can reach their workplace.

The Commission will continue to identify the best practices with Member States which can be extended to all Member States for allowing workers to exercise their crucial occupations without undue hindrance ■

Food Sector

The food sector is a key sector covered by these guidelines, especially as regards seasonal workers. Through these guidelines, the European Commission urges Member States to establish specific procedures quickly and without burden to ensure the smooth passage of frontier and seasonal workers, including medical examinations proportionate to the needs of the situation.



Agricultural Sector

Regarding seasonal workers in the agricultural sector, Member States should exchange information on their different needs at technical level and establish specific procedures to ensure a smooth passage for such workers. In addition, Member States should treat those persons as critical workers and communicate to the employers the necessity to provide for adequate health and safety protection.

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How to recognise and tackle Covid-19 myths

Source: European Parliament

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The World Health Organization (WHO) said false claims “are spreading faster than the virus” and has already termed it an “infodemic of planetary proportions”. Major online platforms are already acting to limit their reach

What is the EU doing to tackle disinformation?

To support factual and reliable information, there is a joint EU page about Europe’s response to the virus, which will soon include special information to correct common myths linked to the outbreak. In addition, experts and politicians from the EU and its member states regularly hold video conferences to discuss disinformation and share methods to inform people about the risks, and how to address them. There is also pressure on online platforms to take action against online scams.

Why do people intentionally put out false information?

Some people do it for profit. It could be to sell products that do not work or to attract more visitors to their webpages, increasing income from ads. According to a report by the EU’s special anti-disinformation team, some false claims have originated from specific political forces, including the US “alt” right, China and Russia. In these cases, the aim is political, to undermine the European Union or to create political shifts.

In these cases, the objective is political, against the European Union or to activate political changes. However, many people spread hoaxes without any intention, simply because they do not know that they are false.



Is disinformation about Covid-19 really that dangerous?

At a time when many people are worried and getting shocking news, it is more difficult to remain calm and fact-check as needed. In the past, misinformation about vaccines led parents to opt out of vaccinating their children against measles and other dangerous diseases, leading to an explosion in new measles cases. Even if people don’t believe the misinformation, it may undermine the concepts of truth and expertise, so that a spontaneous tweet by someone without a clue is valued as much as a thorough analysis by an expert.

Disinformation depends on people believing it and sharing. And it is easy to be fooled. To make sure you do not spread disinformation, be extra careful when sharing news that elicits a strong reaction or that seems too good or too bad to be true. An easy first check is to search the internet to see if more than one reliable source is reporting about the same thing ■

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Social distancing and how it can slow down the spread of coronavirus

Source: Cordis

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Scientists and public health professionals say social distancing is key to preventing coronavirus from a more rapid spread worldwide.

With Europe being the epicentre of the coronavirus pandemic according to the **World Health Organisation (WHO)**, more and more countries are restricting the movement of citizens to avoid outbreaks of cases that would overwhelm health systems. They are urging citizens to practice social distancing, which consists of staying away from crowds and other people's personal space. As social distancing becomes the new norm, it is seen as one of the basic protective measures of WHO

The **European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control**, a European Union (EU) agency that promotes Europe's defences against infectious diseases, has published a guide that explains various aspects of implementing social distancing measures..

Minimizing personal contact helps protect society

A recent scientific article published in "SSRN" by Australian academics emphasizes the procedures that should be implemented in all countries as soon as possible. These guidelines highlight common sense and present practical measures to keep workplaces, schools and homes safe. The authors emphasize that early intervention is essential: "Countries, and sub-regions within countries, without recognized transmission of COVID-19 should assume that it is present and consider implementing improved low-cost hygiene and social distancing measures".

Today, social distancing is the most important factor with which we can control the outbreak. We need to buy time until a vaccine can be found. We are all social animals by nature, so it is not easy to cut off almost all social contact. However, what we can do is help protect society. **Remember: we are all in this together, even if we are physically separated** ■

"Social distancing is the most important factor with which we can control the outbreak"



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PCR and rapid tests for coronavirus diagnosis. How do they work, and how do they differ?

Source: Ministry of Health

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The diagnosis of coronavirus infection has been made since the beginning of the epidemic thanks to the PCR test; this technique has been complemented by rapid diagnostic tests, which are easier to use and allow results to be obtained in 15 minutes from the person's home.

PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction), which is commonly and routinely used in the microbiology laboratories of hospitals, research centres and universities, is based on the heat stability characteristics of a polymerase enzyme, the discovery and subsequent application of which earned Kari Mullis and Michael Smith the 1993 Nobel Prize in Medicine.

Since the beginning of the epidemic, diagnosis has been made using PCR techniques. Now they are starting to test using a second battery of techniques, the aforementioned rapid diagnostic tests, which allow us to know in 10-15 minutes -PCR takes several hours- whether a person is infected or not.

Why hasn't this technique been used before?

It has not been possible to develop antibodies until a good number of infected patients have been counted in order to characterize them; PCR, being a direct diagnostic test, has been possible from the first moment the virus was sequenced.



Accuracy and speed

In addition to speed, these tests have another very important advantage at the present time as they can be performed at the home of a suspected case, always supervised by a health professional. They are based on a paper immunochromatography, that is, a platform that has 'stuck' the virus proteins to detect antibodies or specific antibodies to detect the virus proteins. It works similarly to a pregnancy test.

Thanks to these rapid tools, it will be possible to improve screening in the population and limit PCR tests only to those patients who, with symptoms, give a negative result through the rapid tests, which will free up professionals and resources in the National Health System ■

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Coronavirus: EU countries to get help from Solidarity Fund

Source: European Parliament
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The European Parliament is mobilising additional funds to help the EU countries hardest hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

extraordinary plenary session

In an extraordinary plenary session on Thursday 26 March, MEPs will vote on a European Commission proposal to allow member states to request financial assistance from the EU Solidarity Fund in their fight against Covid-19. The proposal is part of a set of EU measures to mobilise all existing budget resources to help EU countries tackle the pandemic.

The Commission proposes to broaden the Solidarity Fund's scope to add major public health crises to the natural emergencies initially covered. **The hardest hit Member states should get access to financial support of up to €800 million in 2020. Support would be decided on a case-by-case basis.**

Legislative Procedure



Who is eligible for funding?

Under the new rules, public emergency and recovery operations, such as restoring the working order of infrastructures, cleaning up of areas and providing temporary accommodation for people, remain eligible for financing.

The rules would be extended to cover assistance to the population in case of health crises and to cover measures to contain infectious diseases ■

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COVID-19: action to procure life-saving medical equipment

Fuente: European Parliament

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Parliament is working with member states to ensure that the EU can buy ventilators, masks and other medical equipment to be put at the disposal of hospitals across the EU.

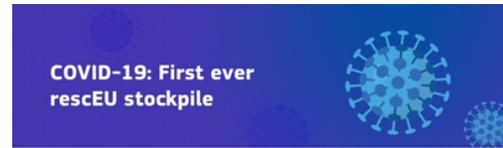
rescEU

The Commission set up a scheme to gather medical equipment (through rescEU) so that the necessary supplies to combat COVID-19 can quickly get to member states facing shortages of equipment. This equipment is needed to treat infected patients, protect health care workers and help slow down the spread of the virus.

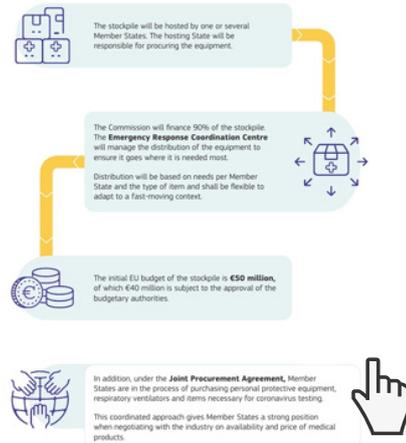
Parliament is working with member states to swiftly approve 40 out of 50 million EUR for intensive care medical equipment such as ventilators and personal protective equipment, such as reusable masks.

Member states are also joining forces under the Joint Procurement Agreement to buy personal protective equipment, respiratory ventilators and items necessary for coronavirus testing. Working together in this way will give them a stronger position on the world market.

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How the rescEU stockpile works



Background

RescEU is part of the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, which strengthens cooperation between EU countries in the field of civil protection. Since rescEU was created in 2019, the EU can directly assist member states hit by disasters when national capacities are overstretched ■



COVID-19: research package to be better equipped in future

Fuente: European Parliament

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Crisis-response measures should be combined with a long-term commitment to EU research programmes, says Research MEP.

"The number one priority now is to stop the spread of the virus."

Working on new measures

The Commission was very fast in launching a special call for expressions of interest from Horizon 2020 and involving relevant stakeholders under the Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) public-private partnership.



Ability to work together

The top priority now is to stem the spread of the virus. Behind the scenes, emergency research is working on finding a treatment and a vaccine. The virus' extraordinary rate of contagion should make us aware that our interconnected world has shrunk considerably and that joint and coordinated action between states is the only way to deal with this crisis said . This crisis is a test of our ability to work together on an emergency situation on the one hand, and to remain faithful to our long-term objectives on the other ■

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Delivering masks across borders: EU Single Market protecting citizens' health

Fuente: European Parliament

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The chairs of Parliament's Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee, Petra De Sutter (Greens/EFA, BE), and Transport Committee, Karima Delli (Greens/EFA, FR), welcomed today's rapid decision of EU Transport ministers to support **green lane** supply routes (giving priority to transport of essential goods such as food as well as vital medical and protective equipment), as suggested by MEPs and the Commission.

The aim of the new urgent measures is to protect health and maintain the flow of trade within the internal market in the face of the VOC-19 crisis.

"Closing the borders completely may seem the best way to protect our citizens, but we all depend on imports from other Member States to maintain uninterrupted supplies. Only by ensuring the transport of essential goods such as food, medical and protective equipment can we ensure that the crisis does not turn into a disaster. We depend on each other for public health," said the Chair of the Internal Market and Consumer Protection Committee.

"The continuous supply of essential goods and vital medical and protective equipment within the Single Market is key to addressing the COVID-19 crisis"

The Chair of the Transport Committee stressed that the effective functioning of border crossings and coordination are essential to overcome the crisis. "We have to find ways to keep the transportation systems working, reduce queues and thus save time and money. We are ready to act together and quickly. We support the carriers, who are working tirelessly to ensure that goods continue to arrive," he said.

Delli also recalled the urgent need to implement measures to end ghost flights. "Airlines must be given guarantees on slots in future seasons. This is the only way to prevent empty planes from flying in the EU," he said ■



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ECB announces €750 billion Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme (PEPP)⁹

Source: ECB

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To launch a new temporary asset purchase programme of private and public sector securities to counter the serious risks to the monetary policy transmission mechanism and the outlook for the euro area posed by the outbreak and escalating diffusion of the coronavirus, COVID-19. This new Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme (PEPP) will have an overall envelope of €750 billion.

Purchases will be conducted until the end of 2020 and will include all the asset categories eligible under the existing asset purchase programme (APP).

For the purchases of public sector securities, the benchmark allocation across jurisdictions will continue to be the capital key of the national central banks. At the same time, purchases under the new PEPP will be conducted in a flexible manner. This allows for fluctuations in the distribution of purchase flows over time, across asset classes and among jurisdictions. A waiver of the eligibility requirements for securities issued by the Greek government will be granted for purchases under PEPP.

The Governing Council will do everything necessary within its mandate. The Governing Council is fully prepared to increase the size of its asset purchase programmes and adjust their composition, by as much as necessary and for as long as needed. It will explore all options and all contingencies to support the economy through this shock. To the extent that some self-imposed limits might hamper action that the ECB is required to take in order to fulfil its mandate, the Governing Council will consider revising them to the extent necessary to make its action proportionate to the risks that we face. The ECB will not tolerate any risks to the smooth transmission of its monetary policy in all jurisdictions of the euro area ■

*"This new Pandemic
Emergency Purchase
Programme (PEPP) will have
an overall budget of 750
billion euros"*



Decision (EU) 2020/440 of
the European Central Bank



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Commission provides guidance on EU passenger rights

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In the efforts to mitigate the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission has today published guidelines to ensure EU passenger rights are applied in a coherent manner across the EU.

National governments have introduced different measures, including travel restrictions and border controls. The purpose of these guidelines is to reassure passengers that their rights are protected.

Aim

This guidance will help passengers, the industry and national authorities in this unprecedented situation, with important passenger travel restrictions imposed by national governments and knock-on effects on transport services across the EU. By introducing clarity, the guidelines are also expected to help reduce costs for the transport sector, which is heavily affected by the outbreak. The guidelines cover the rights of passengers when travelling by air, rail, ship or bus/coach, maritime and inland waterways, as well as the corresponding obligations for carriers.

Cancellations

If passengers face the cancellation of their journey, for example, they can choose between reimbursement of the ticket price or re-routing to reach their final destination at a later stage. At the same time, the guidelines clarify that the current circumstances are “extraordinary”, with the consequence that certain rights – such as compensation in case of flight cancellation less than two weeks from departure date – may not be invoked.

Background

The EU is the only area in the world where citizens are protected by a full set of passenger rights – whether they travel by air, rail, ship, bus or coach. **Carriers have to offer reimbursement (refund of tickets) or re-routing to passengers whose service has been cancelled. Carriers must also offer care in terms of meals and accommodation. In respect of compensation, the rules differ between transport modes** ■

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Interpretative guidelines on EU regulations on passenger rights in the context of the developing situation with Covid-19



European team of scientific experts strengthen EU coordination and medical response

Source: European Commission

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The European Commission launched an advisory panel on COVID-19 composed of epidemiologists and virologists from different Member States to formulate EU guidelines on science-based and coordinated risk management measures.

This panel, which was created following a mandate by EU Member States, will be chaired by the Commission President, Ursula von der Leyen, and co-chaired by Stella Kyriakides, Commissioner for Health and Food Safety.

The panel is composed of seven members from six Member States who will act in their personal capacities and independently. The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and the Emergency Response Coordination Centre (ERCC) will participate as observers. The members will deliberate at least twice a week – if not more – through videoconferencing, based on questions put forward by the Commission or on their own initiative.

The panel's first official meeting has taken place on Wednesday 18 March. The Commission will publish the group's agenda and documents online on the panel's page to ensure transparent, coordinated communications around the EU's response to tackling the spread of the epidemic.

The panel will provide advice to the Commission on the following:

- Formulation of response measures to be addressed to all Member States in line with the different stages of the epidemic in the EU as a whole and taking into account particular Member State contexts;
- Identification and mitigation of significant gaps, inconsistencies or inadequacies in measures taken or to be taken to contain and manage the spread of COVID-19, including in clinical management and treatment, and overcome its impact;
- Prioritisation of health care, civil protection and other resources as well as support measures to be organised or coordinated at EU level;
- Subsequently, recommendation of policy measures for addressing and mitigating long-term consequences of COVID-19 ■



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Top Tips for Cybersecurity when Working Remotely

Source: ENISA

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The EU Agency for Cybersecurity's Executive Director, Juhan Lepassaar shares his top tips for teleworking in times of Covid-19.

One of the key preventative measures for the spread of Covid-19 is social distancing. Luckily, in this increasingly connected world we can continue our professional and private lives virtually. However, with huge increases in the number of people working remotely, it is vital that we also take care of our cyber hygiene.

«Awareness and preparation are vital»

Covid-19 Phishing Attacks

It is important to step up awareness of digital security during this time as we have already seen an increase in phishing attacks. We recommend, as far as possible, to not mix work and leisure activities on the same device and be particularly careful with any mails referencing the coronavirus. Attackers are exploiting the situation, so look out for phishing emails and scams.

In the current situation, one should be suspicious of any e-mails asking to check or renew your credentials even if it seems to come from a trusted source. Please try to verify the authenticity of the request through other means, do not click on suspicious links or open any suspicious attachments ■



«Do not click on suspicious links or open any suspicious attachments»

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Commission presents guidelines for border measures to protect health and keep goods and essential services available

Source: European Commission

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The Commission has presented guidelines to Member States on health-related border management measures in the context of the COVID-19 emergency.

The aim is to protect citizens' health, ensure the right treatment of people who do have to travel, and make sure essential goods and services remain available. Commissioners Kyriakides and Johansson have presented the guidelines to EU ministers of Health and of Home Affairs at their first joint video meeting starting at 11am this morning.

Proposed Guidelines

The guidelines set out principles for an integrated approach to an effective border management to protect health while preserving the integrity of the internal market.

Protecting people's health

People identified as at risk of spreading COVID-19 should have access to appropriate health care, either in the country of arrival or in the country of departure, and this should be coordinated between the two.

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It is possible to submit everyone entering the national territory to health checks without formal introduction of internal border controls. The difference between normal health checks and border controls is the possibility to deny entry to individual persons. People who are sick should not be denied entry but given access to healthcare.

Ensuring the flow of essential goods and services

Free circulation of goods is crucial to maintain availability of goods. This is particularly crucial for essential goods such as food supplies including livestock, vital medical and protective equipment and supplies. More generally, control measures should not cause serious disruption of supply chains, essential services of general interest and of national economies and the EU economy as a whole. Member States should designate priority lanes for freight transport (e.g. via 'green lanes') ■

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Solidarity in abundance: Almeria and the University of Almeria face up to COVID-19

Source: European Documentation Centre

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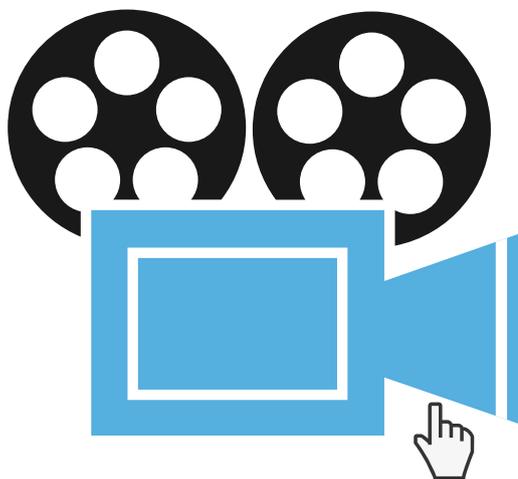
The Coronavirus crisis has turned the world upside down and shown how vulnerable we are to global phenomena that get out of hand. But crises also allow us to discover the willingness of citizens to help and contribute their small grain of sand. To the surprise of some, solidarity is one of the bases of our survival, it is an essential element of our DNA.

The UAL and citizens of Almeria

This report by Canal Sur shows us how the University of Almeria and numerous volunteers from Almeria who own 3D printers have already manufactured more than 2,500 masks for healthcare personnel throughout Spain in their arduous task in front of the COVID-19. Gestures like this not only help to improve the working conditions of our health workers, they are also confirmation that the majority of citizens do not hesitate to get involved in this fight that concerns us all.

Today the most repeated question among Spanish researchers is:

What can I do to help?



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Cuidados Compasión: Web tool for the emotional support of health professionals

Source: European Documentation Centre

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Cuidados con Compasión” is a web environment aimed at health professionals that emerged as a result of a research project, funded by the Regional Government of Andalucía, Health and Families Department “Burnout and Compassionate Fatigue in Nursing Professionals in the Andalusian Public Health System” (AP-0100-2016).

This project is led by the principal researcher and professor at the University of Almeria, María Dolores Ruiz Fernández, a nurse and psychologist, belonging to the Department of Nursing, Physiotherapy and Medicine and a member of the research group in Health Sciences (CTS-451). The website aims to provide resources for health professionals and students in the health field that will improve their quality of life, and prevent certain syndromes suffered by health professionals such as compassion fatigue. In addition, to disseminate and publicize the news, and the main research results related to the study. As a consequence of the current crisis derived from the COVID-19 pandemic, it was decided, together with the crisis intervention group of the **University of Alicante, led by Professor of Psychology Miguel Richard, to launch a series of initiatives to provide emotional support to health professionals and to those groups that are in the front line of action, who need resources and tools to overcome this situation and carry out their daily work.**We are referring to professionals who are going through very extreme situations that generate fear, fear of contagion, fear of infecting their families, that force them to separate from their children and most beloved relatives, they go through situations of loss, loneliness, anger, rage, anxiety, among other feelings and emotions.



Workshops and seminars

Every week, a workshop or seminar is offered, with experts in different subjects at a national and international level, so that professionals can visualize them at any time of the day. In these workshops, topics such as: compassion, self-pity, guilt, the attitude of giving and receiving, etc.

Another of the resources available is a blog of experiences, in which professionals describe the situation they are living through and reflect on what is happening. It should be noted that the “Cuidados Compasión” research group has a track record in the field of health care. They are part of the Research Group on “Bioethics and Humanisation of Health Care in the Andalusian Public Health System”.

"Sharing experiences is a great help, both for the writer and the reader, it helps us to empathize."

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Solidarity initiative that has emerged from the collaboration of the research groups TIC-221 "PARETO", HUM-022 "Science, Conscience and Development" and the company Zred.

To support this initiative you can help by spreading the number for assistance to people who are going through this isolation alone, or who emotionally need someone to listen to them.

Listen to the interview with Consolation Gil. UAL



#YoMeQuedoEnCasa with UALactiva

Being at home is not synonymous with inactivity. This is the message that the University of Almeria wants to send to the whole of society and to get them to practice sport at home. In this time of confinement provoked by the health alert of the COVID-19, the professor of 'Physical Activity for the Elderly' at the University of Almeria, Enrique García Artero, has launched an emotional and supportive initiative for the elderly to practice physical exercise at home and thus mitigate the negative effects that confinement can have on their health.

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A través de la colaboración de varios grupos de investigación de la Universidad Almería se ha creado este programa de Voluntariado a través del cual nos ofrecen escuchar a aquellas personas que, en estos momentos de confinamiento, enferme etc., sientan la necesidad de hablar y de compartir su sentir con alguien. Se trata de llevar a cabo un ejercicio de escucha activa, esto es, un acto de atención y generoso hacia el otro mediante el cual le ofrecemos un espacio de nuestra mente y nuestro corazón para atender su sentir.

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Covid-19: Volunteering of the Andalusian Regional Government

The Department of Equality, Social Policies and Conciliation of the Andalusian Regional Government, in collaboration with the Andalusian Volunteer Platform, has launched a computer tool where volunteer associations and people with solidarity concerns can register to carry out programmes aimed at addressing the social emergencies and needs that have arisen as a result of the arrival of COVID-19 in Andalusia.

Aim

The aim is to coordinate the voluntary action aimed at the most vulnerable people in this health alarm situation, always under the premises of the Andalusian Law on Volunteers and the recommendations of the Ministry of Health for this crisis, contributing to the voluntary action reaching all areas where it may be necessary. It will mainly address the lack of food, drugs, hygiene and accompaniment for people in solitude. This tool will make it possible to collect existing needs and offers of help, which may be virtual or in person, always under the recommendations of the Ministry of Health.

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There are two forms of volunteering:

- REGISTER AS A COMPANY
- SIGN UP TO COLLABORATE SUPPORTIVE PERSON

MORE INFORMATION:

[WEB SITE](#)



Supporting Health Workforce Reforms - Retention Policy Initiatives

The objective of the initiative is to provide support to Member States to design and implement their policies related to healthcare workforce retention, task-shifting and regional medical deserts.

Background

The European health workforce is facing major challenges due to an ageing population, a higher demand of new primary care models and better-integrated and more patient-centred care, and rise of chronic diseases, in a broader context of persistent budgetary constraints.

The Commission considers that proposals requesting an EU contribution of approx. 400.000 EUR and a duration of 36 month would appropriately address the specific workforce related challenges. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submissions and selection of proposals requesting other amounts or duration.



Dead line:
10 June 2020

MORE INFORMATION:

[WEB SITE](#)

H2020. Innovations to accelerate vaccine development and manufacture



Vaccination is one of the greatest achievements in healthcare. However, developing a vaccine remains costly, time-consuming, and risky.

Advances in immunology, disease modelling, in silico modelling, including the analysis of big data and the application of machine learning (ML) artificial intelligence (AI), provide opportunities to innovate, de-risk and accelerate the vaccine-development process. Many of these advances have occurred in the academic sector.

Objectives

The overall objective is to accelerate and de-risk the development of new vaccines by incorporating scientific and technological advances from the academic and biotech sectors into the industry, and to develop more predictive biological and mathematical models of vaccine performance.

Dead line:
5 November 2020

MORE INFORMATION:

[WEB SITE](#)

H2020. Pre-commercial Procurement for Digital Health and Care Solutions

Digital solutions supporting a continuum of care across a range of health and care services can relieve the pressure on governments to provide more cost-effective health and care systems by improving the use of healthcare and health outcomes.

Objetives

Support the health and care service provider to procure the development of digital services that can facilitate the transition to integrated care models across health and social services and country-specific cross-institutional set-ups, including decentralised procurement environments and collaboration across institutions. Key challenges that could be addressed are patient empowerment, self-management, patient safety, patient involvement, chronic disease management, diagnosing, hospital logistics, skills and independent living.



Dead line: 18 June 2020

MORE INFORMATION:

[WEB SITE](#)

Health Program: Supporting Investment in Health



Dead line:
3 de June 2020

Health stakeholders face challenges when it comes to planning, accessing and combining funding to meet the needs of their health systems. Most health authorities are accustomed to receiving direct funding from government budgets and European Union grants, and do not have sufficient skills to shape strategies and investment plans.

There is a clear need to improve the capacity of the health sector to prepare investment plans, consolidate funding from multiple sources and use alternative financial instruments for this purpose.

The action will produce materials that do not currently exist. The results will make available best practices, methodologies, tools and training materials that can be used by any Member State or region

MORE INFORMATION:

[WEB SITE](#)

H2020: Pan-European networks of practitioners and other actors in the field of security

This call of proposal is framed in the work programme Secure societies – Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens that belongs to the H2020 programme.

In Europe, practitioners interested in the uptake of security research and innovation are dedicated to performing their duty and are focused on their tasks. In general, however, practitioner organisations have little scope to free workforces from daily operations in order to allocate time and resources to monitor innovation and research that could be useful to them.



Objectives

In 2020 proposals are invited to cover one of the two following options:

- Option 1: security and intelligence services
- Option 2: fighting cybercrime

Dead line: 27 August 2020

MORE INFORMATION:

[WEB SITE](#)

Hackathon Pan Europeo EUvsVirus



The European Commission – in close collaboration with EU member states – will host a pan-European hackathon to connect civil society, innovators, partners and buyers across Europe to develop innovative solutions to coronavirus.

The #EUvsVirus Hackathon will take place on 24, 25 and 26 April and address approximately 20 imminent coronavirus challenges (e.g. fast production of equipment, scaling up production capabilities, knowledge and solutions transfer from one country to another), to be quickly developed and deployed across the EU Single Market.

MORE INFORMATION:

[WEB SITE](#)

STATISTICS AND INFOGRAPHICS



STATISTICS



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1 April to 16 April 2020

Compiled by: European Documentation Centre UAL

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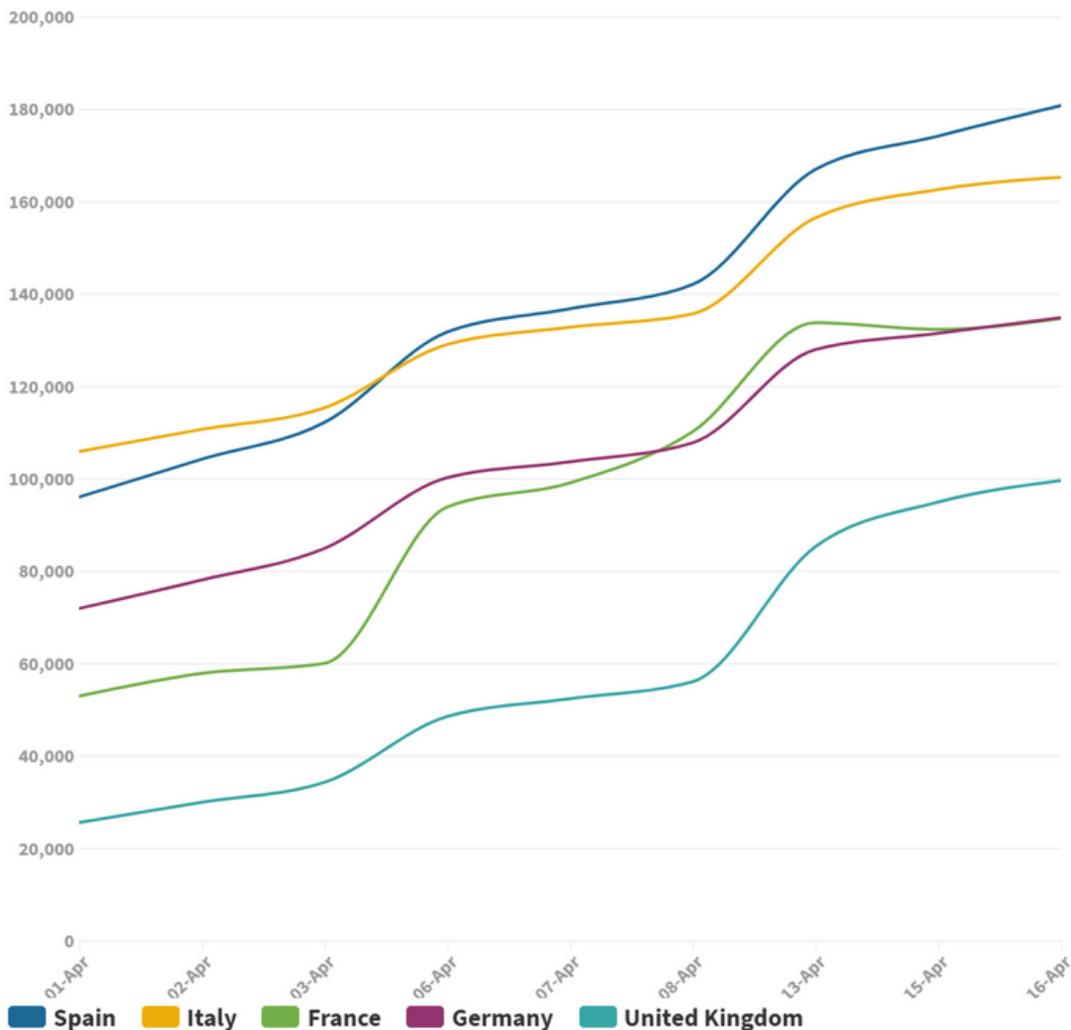
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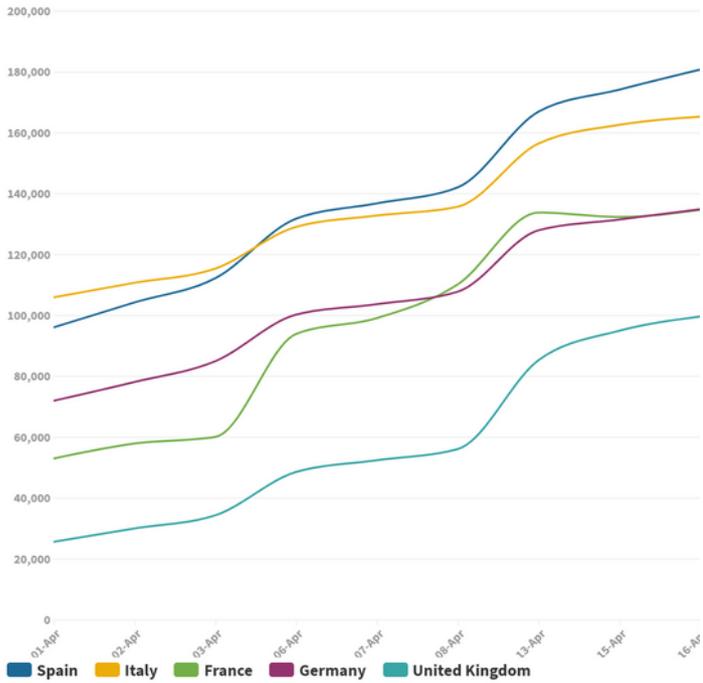


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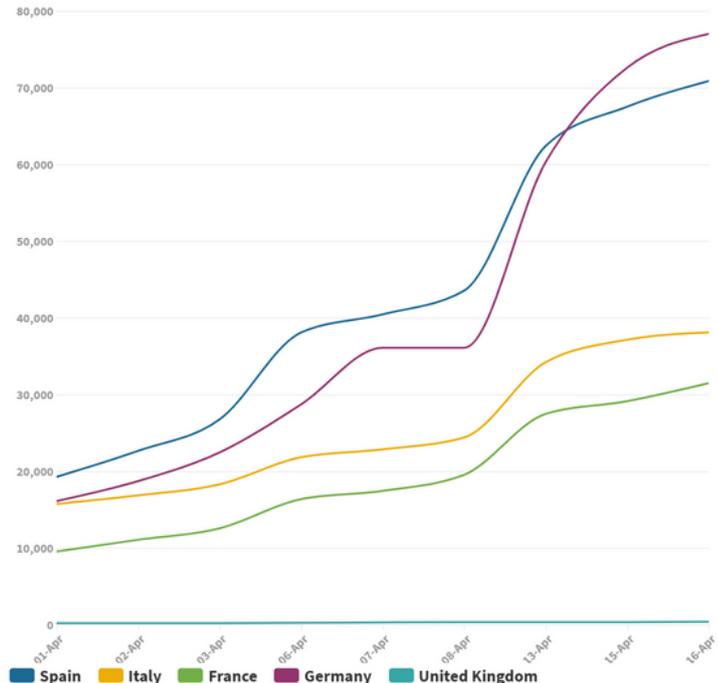




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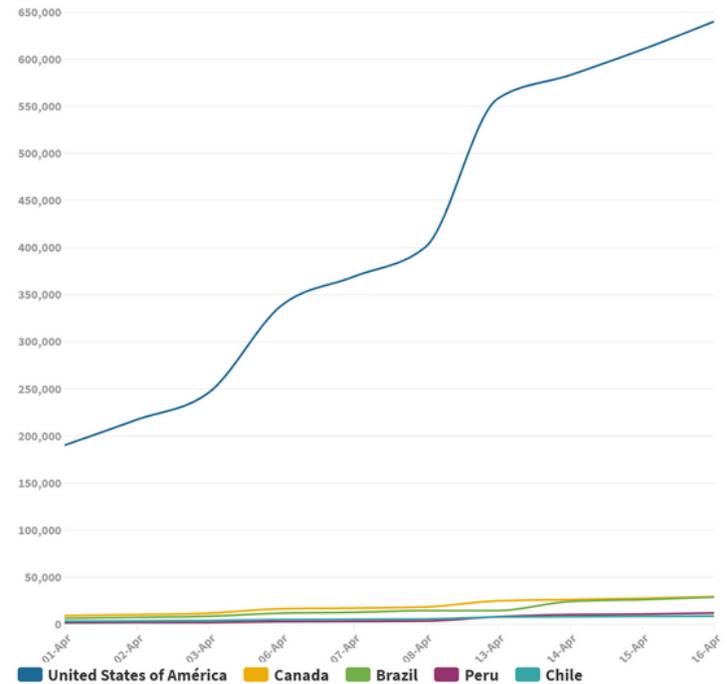


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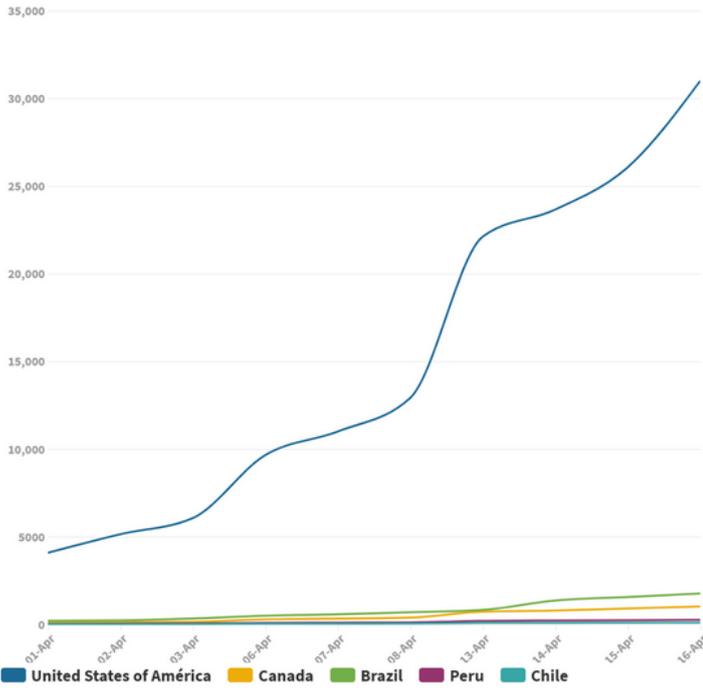
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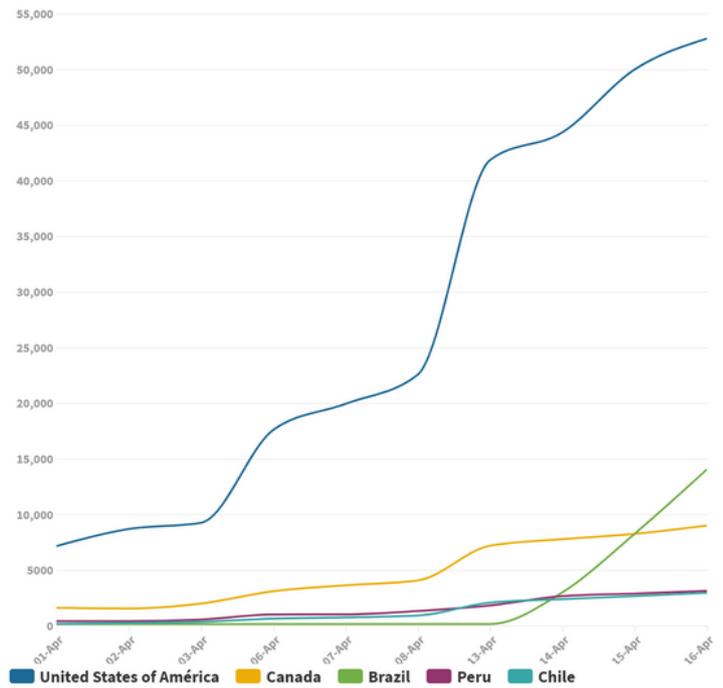


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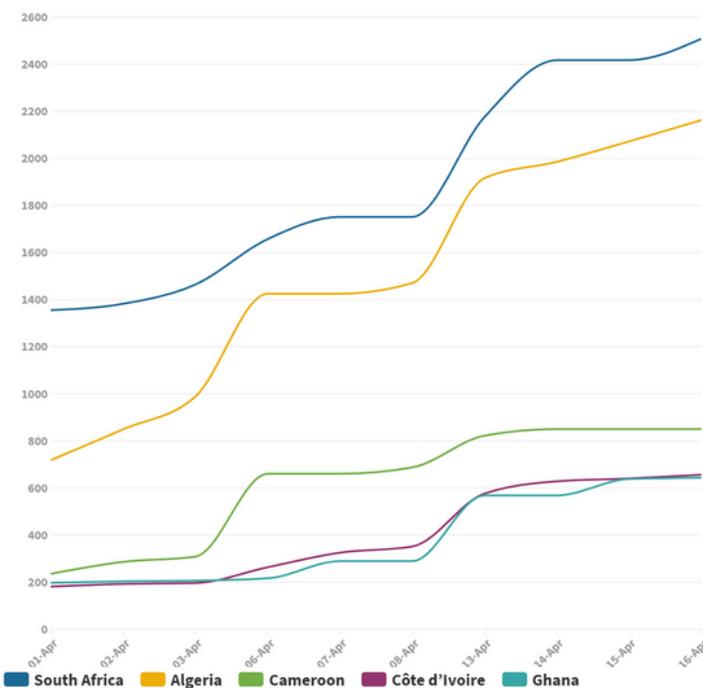
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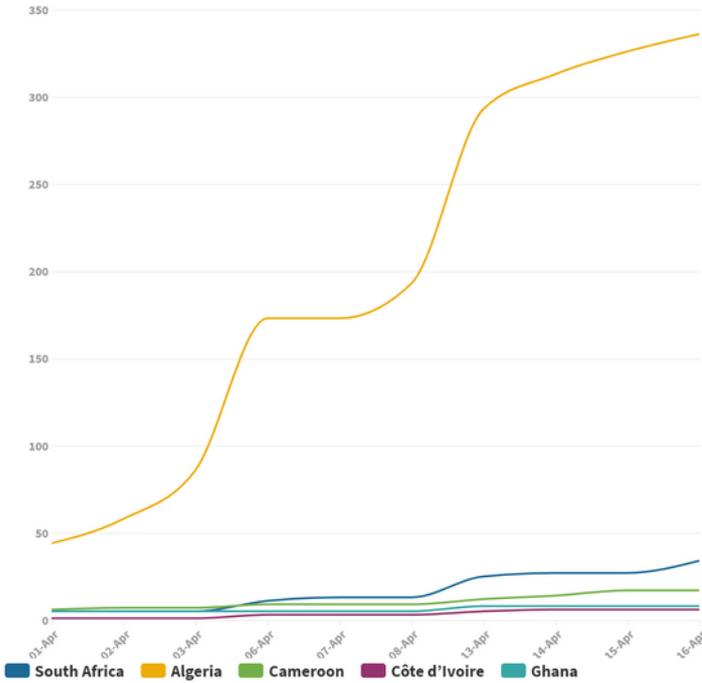
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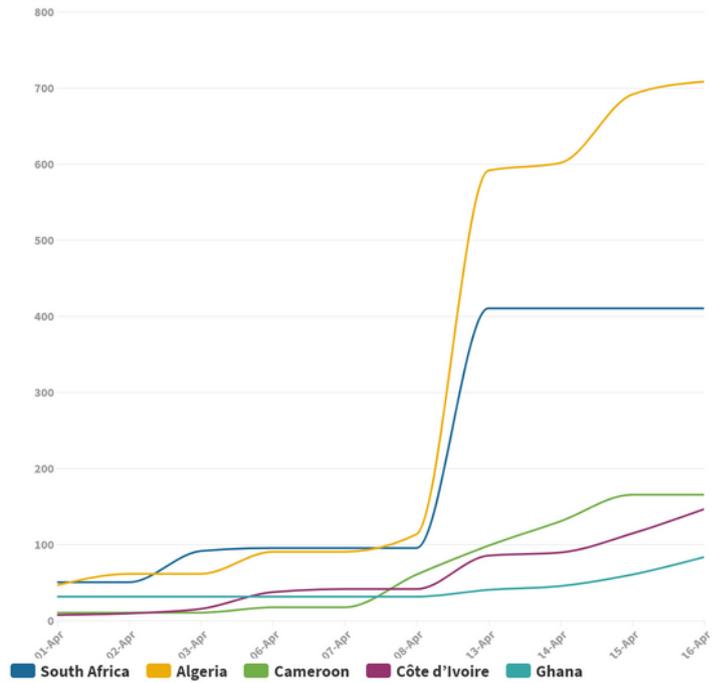
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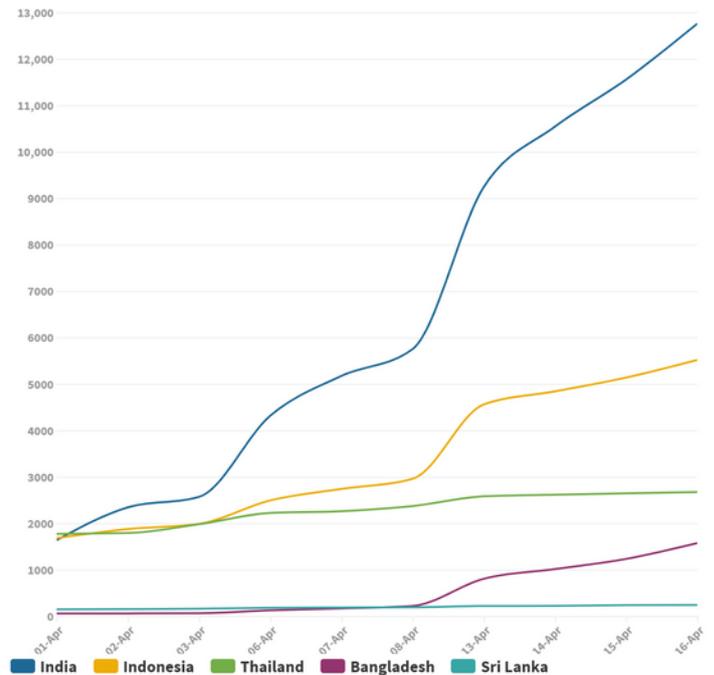


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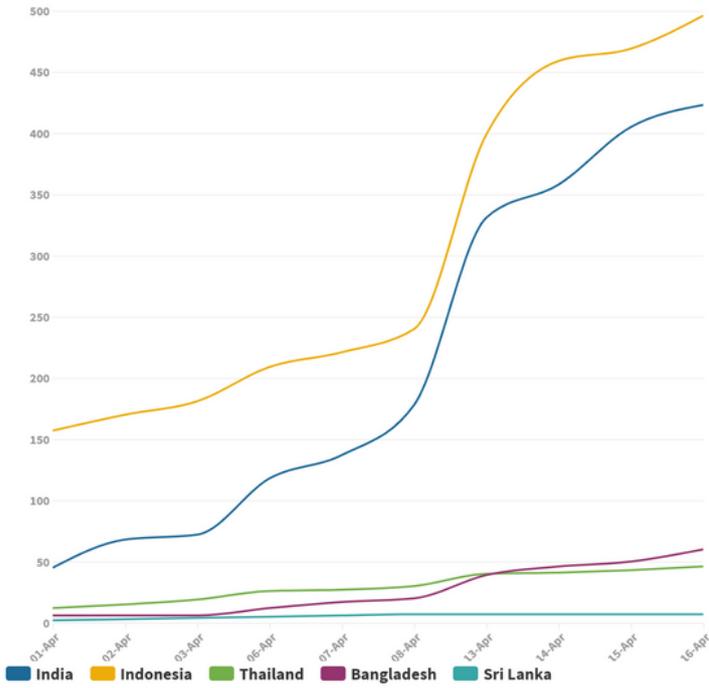
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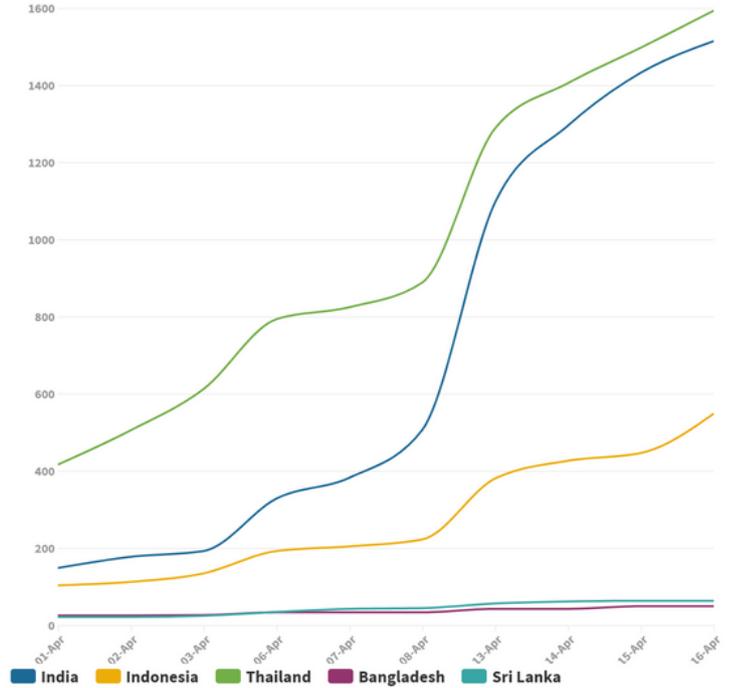




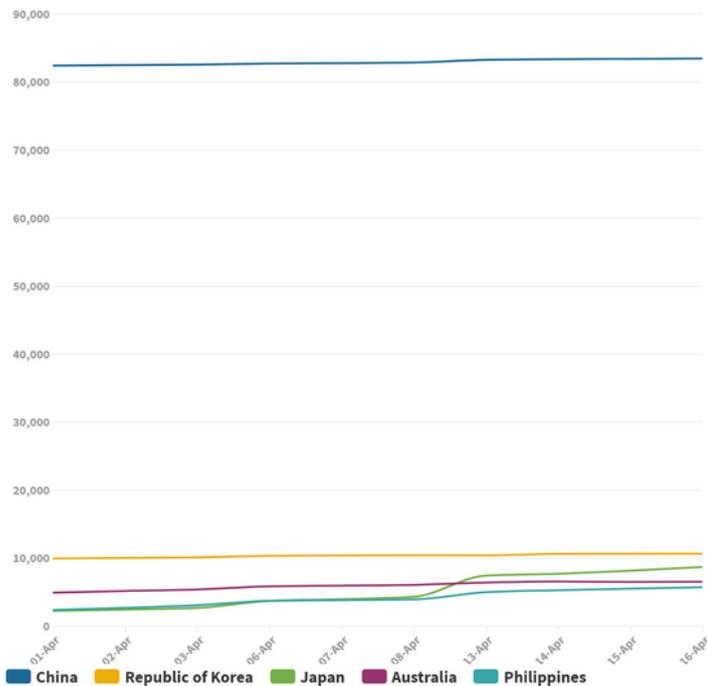
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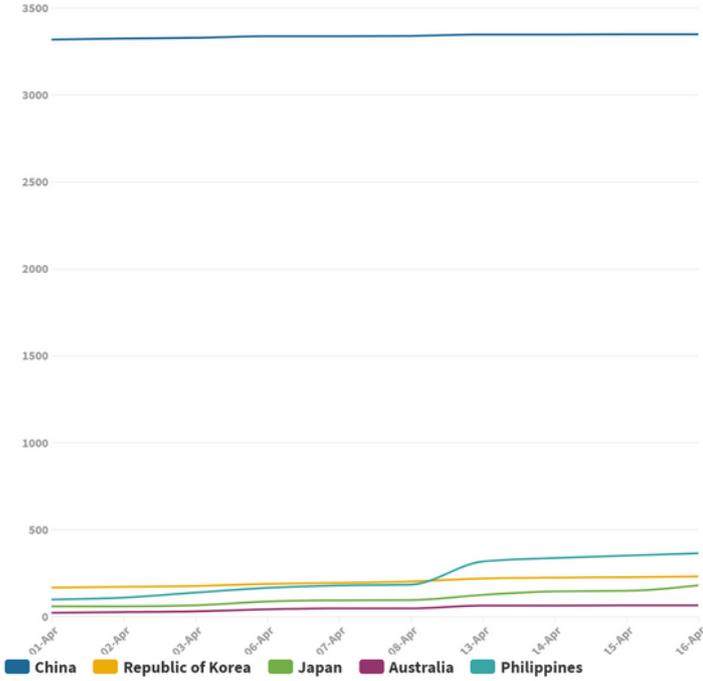
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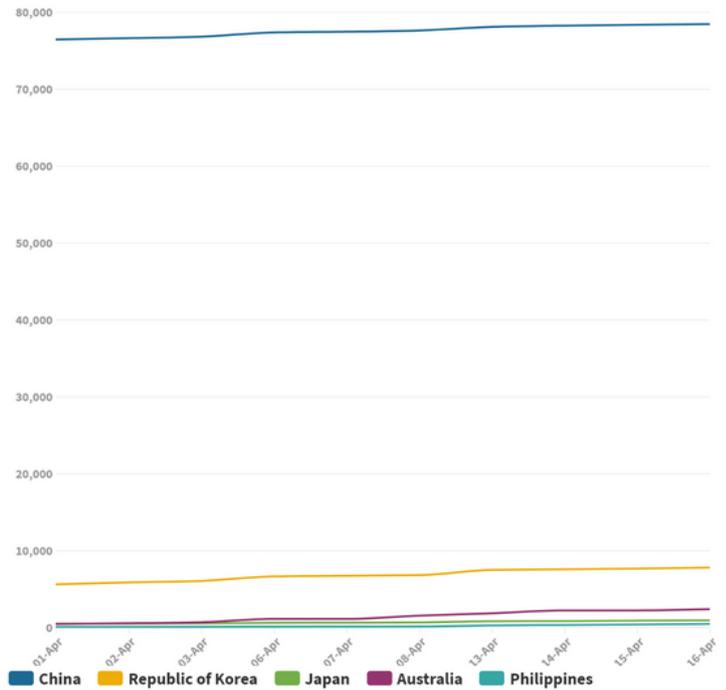
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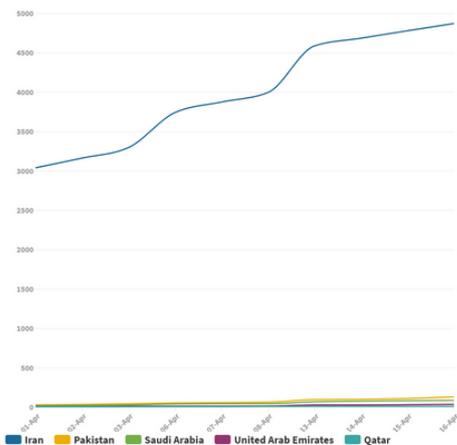


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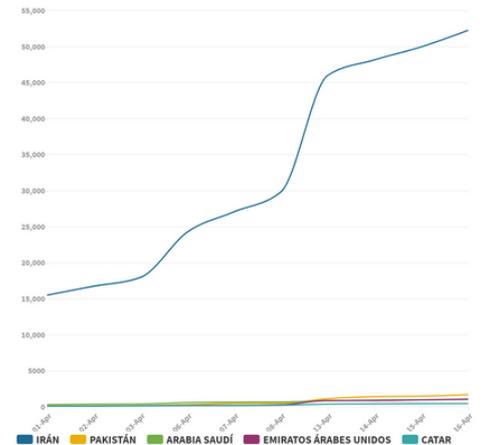


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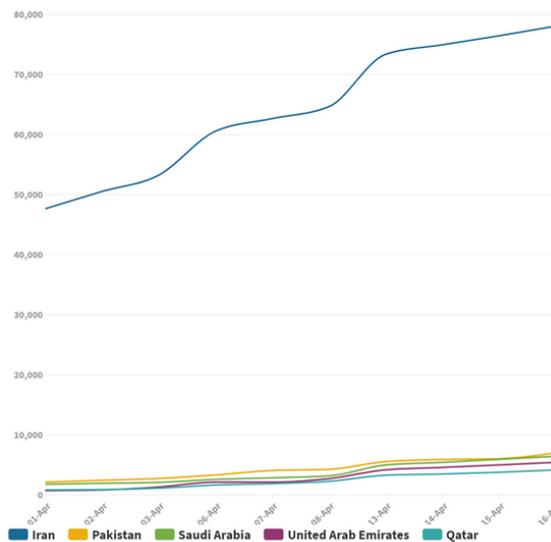
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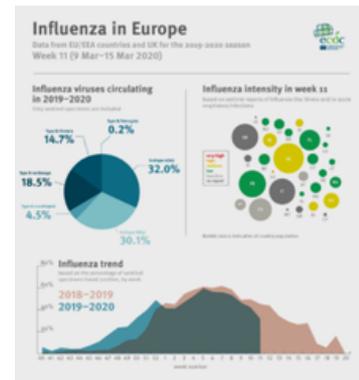


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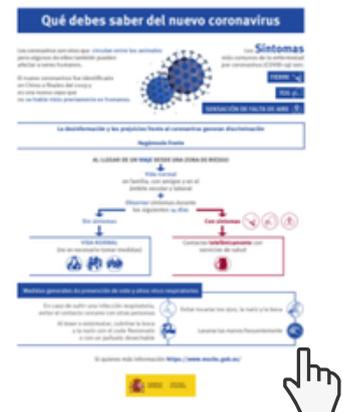
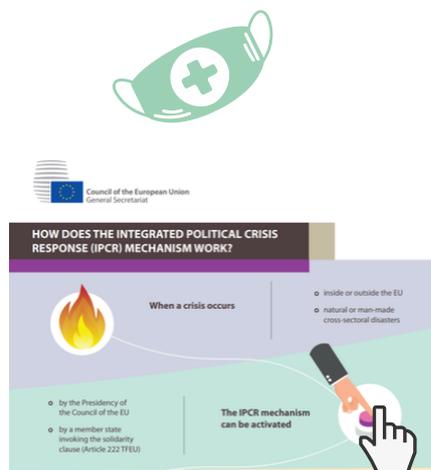
Stop the spread of germs

Considerations for social distancing measures in response to COVID-19



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Source: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control



How to minimize the spread of COVID-19?

How does the (IPCR) mechanism works?

What you should know about the new coronavirus

RECOMMENDED BIBLIOGRAPHY



PREVENTION AND DISINFECTION

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



DISINFECTION OF ENVIRONMENTS IN HEALTHCARE AND NON-HEALTHCARE SETTINGS POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED WITH SARS-COV-2

Summary: This document provides guidance to EU/EEA Member States on environmental clean-up in healthcare and non-healthcare settings during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Publication date: 26-03-2020

Author: European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention

Key words: coronavirus, covid-19, health, prevention, transmission, disinfection

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



CLOTH MASKS AND MASK STERILISATION AS OPTIONS IN CASE OF SHORTAGE OF SURGICAL MASKS AND RESPIRATORS

Summary: This document aims to provide advice on the use of cloth masks and the sterilization of respirators and surgical masks as an alternative in health care facilities with suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 if there is a shortage of surgical masks and specialized respirators.

Publication date: 26-03-2020

Author: European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention

Key words: coronavirus, covid-19, health, prevention, transmission

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL IN THE HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT OF PEOPLE WITH SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)

Summary: This document provides guidance on infection prevention and control measures (IPC) for people with suspected or confirmed coronavirus disease (COVID-19) who are experiencing mild symptoms that do not require hospitalization and therefore self-isolate at home.

Publication date: 31-03-2020

Author: European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention

Key words : coronavirus, covid-19, health, prevention, transmission, disinfection

PREVENTION AND DISINFECTION

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



AN OVERVIEW OF THE RAPID TEST SITUATION FOR COVID-19 DIAGNOSIS IN THE EU/EEA

Summary: According to EU recommendations, timely and accurate laboratory testing of COVID-19 is an essential part of COVID-19 management to curb the pandemic, to support decisions on infection control strategies and patient management in health care settings, and to detect asymptomatic cases that could further spread the virus if not isolated.

Publication date: 01-04-2020

Author: European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention

Key words: coronavirus, covid-19, health, prevention, transmission, disinfection

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



INFECTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL AND PREPAREDNESS FOR COVID-19 IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

Summary: This update focuses on measures to be implemented in settings with increasing community transmission, growing demand for COVID-19 patient care and consequent staffing issues in the event of a shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) for health care facilities in EU/EEA countries and the UK.

Publication date: 31-03-2020

Author: European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention

Key words: coronavirus, covid-19, health, prevention, transmission, disinfection

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



CONTACT TRACING: PUBLIC HEALTH MANAGEMENT OF PERSONS, INCLUDING HEALTHCARE WORKERS, HAVING HAD CONTACT WITH COVID-19 CASES IN THE EUROPEAN UNION - SECOND UPDATE

Summary: This document is intended to assist EU/EEA public health authorities in locating and managing people, including health workers, who have come into contact with cases of COVID-19. It outlines the main steps in contact tracing, including contact identification, listing and follow-up, in the context of the response to COVID-19.

Publication date: 31-03-2020

Author: European Centre for Disease Control and Prevention

Key words: coronavirus, covid-19, health, prevention, transmission, disinfection

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



REGULAR UPDATE ON EUEA LEVEL TO MITIGATE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFECTS OF CORONAVIRUS – 30/03/2020

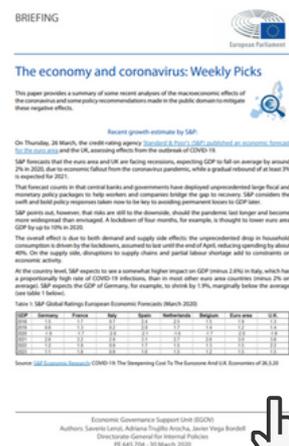
Summary: This document compiles information, obtained from public sources, on measures proposed and adopted at European Union or euro area level to mitigate the economic and social effects of Covid19. It will be updated regularly, in line with new developments.

Publication date: 30-03-2020

Author: European Parliament; Angerer, Kristina; Lehofer, Wolfgang; et al.

Key words: economy, finance, banks, public health, Coronavirus

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



THE ECONOMY AND CORONAVIRUS – WEEKLY PICKS 6/04/2020

Summary: The present document summarizes some recent analyses of the macroeconomic effects of the coronavirus and some policy recommendations made in the public domain to mitigate those negative effects.

Publication date: 06-04-2020

Author: European Parliament; Filippo, Andrea di; Lenzi, Francesco-Saverio; Vega Bordell, Javier María

Key words: Coronavirus, Covid-19, public health, economic and monetary affairs, banks, financial affairs

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR COUNTRIES SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY A MAJOR PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Summary: With much of Europe in the hands of the novel coronavirus, the European Commission announced on 13 March 2020 a series of measures to help countries cope with the socio-economic impact of the crisis. As part of this package, the Commission proposes to extend the scope of the EU Solidarity Fund to cover major public health emergencies, providing valuable additional support.

Publication date: 24-03-2020

Author: European Parliament; Van Lierop, Christiaan

Key words: public health, economic affairs, monetary affairs, covid-19

INVESTMENT

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



JOINT DEBT INSTRUMENTS: A RECURRENT PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC AND MONETARY UNION

Summary: The idea of issuing joint debt instruments, in particular between euro area countries, is nothing new. It has long been linked in various ways to the process of the Union's financial integration and, in particular, to the implementation of economic and monetary union. In the first decade of the euro, the reason for creating joint bonds was to reduce market fragmentation and thus to achieve efficiency gains.

Publication date: 02-04-2020

Author: European Parliament; Deliverias, Angelos; Stamegna, Carla

Key words: economic affairs, monetary affairs, financial affairs, grants, preparatory documents, guidelines

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE INVESTMENT INITIATIVE

Resumen: On 13 March 2020, the European Commission approved a legislative proposal to amend the regulations of the European structural and investment funds so that Member States can promote investments in health care systems and other sectors of the economy. This proposal is intended to help Member States deal with the consequences of the coronavirus pandemic.

Publication date: 24-03-2020

Author: European Parliament; Pari, Marianna

Key words: Covid-19, budget, economic affairs, investment

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



BANKING UNION: CORONA CRISIS EFFECTS - 2020 / WEEK 15

Summary: The COVID-19 crisis has significant effects on many banks in the Banking Union. To support the members of the Banking Union Working Group, the following information reports on observations and actions taken by supervisory authorities, credit rating agencies, banking federations or other industry experts, in order to point out relevant developments in the banking sector.

Publication date: 07-04-2020

Author: European Parliament

Key words: public health, economic affairs, monetary affairs, covid-19, banks, financial affairs, guidelines

VULNERABLE POPULATION

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



LEAFLET: INFORMATION ON COVID-19 FOR PEOPLE WITH CHRONIC DISEASES

Summary: This leaflet provides basic information about the new coronavirus disease (COVID-19), how it is spread, symptoms, how to avoid getting or spreading the virus, and some specific advice for people with chronic diseases, their families and caregivers.

Publication date: 12-03-2020

Author: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Key words: coronavirus, covid-19, health, prevention

LEAFLET: INFORMATION ON COVID-19 FOR PREGNANT WOMEN

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



Summary: This leaflet provides basic information about the new coronavirus disease (COVID-19), how it is spread, symptoms, how to avoid getting or spreading the virus, and some specific advice for pregnant women, their families and caregivers.

Publication date: 12-03-2020

Author: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Key words: coronavirus, covid-19, health, prevention, pregnancy

LEAFLET: INFORMATION ON SELF-ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE AFTER EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



Summary: This brochure provides information on COVID-19, how it is spread, symptoms, how to avoid getting or spreading the virus, and some specific tips and guidelines on self-isolation or quarantine when mild symptoms of COVID-19 occur or after exposure to SARS-CoV-2 virus.

Publication date: 12-03-2020

Author: European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Key words: coronavirus, covid-19, health, prevention, confinement

EXCEPTIONAL MEASURES

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



REMOTE VOTING IN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND NATIONAL PARLIAMENTS

Summary: In the words of Parliament's President, David Sassoli, "the European Parliament must remain open, because a virus cannot bring down democracy". Therefore, ways had to be found to allow Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to exercise their public functions in case they were unable to attend committees or plenary sessions in person. The need to keep parliaments functioning in emergency situations has also been on the agenda of the Member States.

Publication date: 25-03-2020

Author: European Parliament; Monte, Micaela del

Key words: democracy, institutional rights, democracy, european institutions, voting

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



PROTECTING THE EU AGRI-FOOD SUPPLY CHAIN IN THE FACE OF COVID-19

Summary: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, governments of European Union countries have taken a number of measures, including the reintroduction of border controls and the establishment of limits on the free movement of people within their territory, in an attempt to stop the spread of the disease. These measures have had a pronounced impact on the EU agri-food supply chain.

Publication date: 02-04-2020

Author: European Parliament; Rossi, Rachele

Key words: agriculture, rural development, preparatory documents, guidelines

ACCESS TO PUBLICATION:



EL DERECHO DE EXCEPCIÓN, UNA PERSPECTIVA DE DERECHO COMPARADO - ESPAÑA: ESTADO DE ALARMA

Resumen: This document is part of a series of analyses that seek, from a comparative law perspective, to present the emergency law in different States, with special attention to those legal bases on which emergency measures can be adopted in the face of crises, such as the health crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The present analysis focuses on the case of Spain.

Publication date: 06-04-2020

Autor: European Parliament

Key words: Coronavirus, Covid-19, public health, state of alert, law, legislation, imposed measures

PERIODIC PUBLICATIONS





CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) SITUATION REPORT – 78



PLENARY ROUND-UP – BRUSSELS, MARCH 11 2020



GOOD PRACTICE IN THE WORKPLACE. 11TH APRIL



CORONAVIRUS: IMPACT AND REACTION [WHAT THINK TANKS ARE THINKING]



MEDIA COLLECTION



Defence Ministers stressed importance of Information Sharing amid Coronavirus Crisis #EUArmy



Videoconference of EU defence ministers, chaired by the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Josep Borrell

Source: EU Debates

Message from President Ursula von der Leyen. SURE



Message from President Ursula von der Leyen calling for solidarity. The Commission is proposing a job retention initiative, SURE, to support the EU countries most affected.

Source: European Commission

European funding for COVID-19 research



Stopping the COVID-19 pandemic is Europe's top priority. While Europeans are doing their part by staying at home, laboratories and researchers are working day and night to develop a vaccine, better diagnostics and effective treatments.

Source: European Environment Agency

EIB Group supports the EU's response to the coronavirus crisis



25 million SMEs in Europe and the jobs that depend on them are threatened by the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. The EIB Group is committed to helping businesses across Europe with an initial aid package of up to

Source: European Investment Bank

Supporting new tools to test for COVID-19: a priority for the EU and its bank



The fight against COVID-19 requires projects to help find vaccines, cures and rapid tests. The EIB Group is supporting EU efforts by investing in companies such as Mobidiag that are developing new diagnostic tools to detect the coronavirus, with the support of InvestEU.

Source: European Investment Bank

LAU and 3D printer owners against the Covid-19



This video from Canal Sur shows how the University of Almeria and numerous volunteers from Almeria, who own 3D printers, are helping in the fight against Covid-19 by making masks for healthcare staff.

Source: Canal Sur

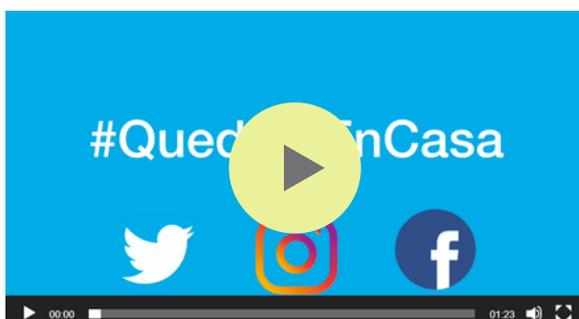
¡¡THANK YOU ALMERIA!!



On the occasion of the current situation generated by the COVID-19, the City Council has created this video thanking the effort made by all Almeria.

Source: Almería Townhall

#StayAtHome



Video of the College of Nursing in which the Organización Colegial de Enfermería de España joins the challenge of #StayAtHome and advises citizens to do the same.

Source: Official College of Nursing

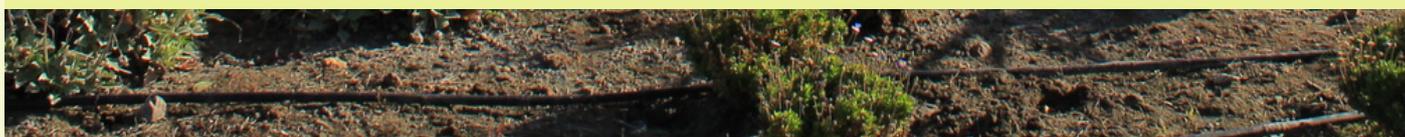


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