The EU response to the coronavirus crisis

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“In many ways, Europe's motto has always been not only ‘united in diversity' but also ‘united in adversity'.”
Principles of #EUSolidarity

- A European vaccines strategy
- Coordinating emergency resources, national measures and travel restrictions
- Cushioning economic impacts and supporting jobs
- Helping people stay safe through testing and quarantine recommendations
- Offering help to EU neighbours and global partners
Elements of Response

1. Health and emergency response
2. Economic response and recovery

1440 adopted measures, including 650 state aid decisions
1. Health and emergency response

- **Vaccines strategy**
- **European Health Union**
- **Getting protective equipment where it’s needed.**
- **Buying supplies together – making it faster and cheaper.**
- **Direct EU funding to support health systems**
Safe and effective vaccines against COVID-19

2 authorised vaccines - 760 million doses to cover 80% of the population

Securing doses of safe and effective vaccines for all Europeans

EU Vaccination Days
27-28-29 December

EU Vaccines Strategy for a lasting solution to the pandemic

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6 Advance Purchase Agreements with vaccine manufacturers
EU Vaccines Strategy

Ensuring the **quality, safety and efficacy** of vaccines. The European Commission has concluded six contracts for the purchase of a vaccine.

Securing **timely access** to vaccines for Member States and their population while leading the global solidarity effort.

Ensuring **equitable and affordable access** for all in the European Union as early as possible.

By summer 2021, a minimum of 70% of the entire adult population should get vaccinated. By March 2021, at least 80% of people over the age of 80, and 80% of health and social care professionals should get vaccinated.
Coronavirus Global Response

- Raised €15.9 billion to fill funding gap so far
- Fair and universal access to vaccines
- Multilateral effort with EU at lead
- With €853 million in support of COVAX, the EU as a whole is COVAX’s biggest donor
- Vaccine Sharing Mechanism to facilitate donations of doses
Better protect the health of citizens

Equip the EU and its Member States to better prevent and address future pandemics

Improve resilience of Europe’s health systems

Strengthen EU medical and scientific agencies

An EU Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA)
Solidarity in Action

- EU Civil Protection Mechanism
- rescEU - first stockpile of medical equipment
- Humanitarian Air Bridge
- Helping vulnerable populations
- Joint procurement
- EU Medical Corps
Keeping Europeans moving

Getting people home
More than 600,000 citizens.

Helping cross-border workers get to work
including those working in the health care and food sector

Green Lanes
Supplies moving across borders, by road, rail, water and air.

Adjusting rules
Ending ghost flights.
Safe travel

- Restoring **free movement**
- Facilitating **tourism**
- Transportation and travel vouchers
- Patronage vouchers
- **Re-open EU** – web platform and app with information on health and travel measures
- **Common approach** to travel measures
Contact tracing and warning apps

- National contact tracing and warning apps break transmission chains
- 20 national apps are becoming interoperable and can work across borders
- Strong data protection rules are key to the success of the apps
Fighting disinformation

• Strong communications environment
• Working with social media platforms
• Exposing disinformation narratives
• Material for myth-busting and fact checking
• Joint Commission/EEAS Communication on measures
• Working with a broad coalition of partners, including healthcare professionals to build trust
2. Economic response

State aid rules
- liquidity to economy
- support SMEs, jobs, etc.

SURE program
- €100 billion
- support for unemployed

Complements ECB measures
- €750 bn new measures
- €120 bn earlier

Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative
- around €18 billion in investments
- unspent cohesion funds
- transfers between funds, regions and priorities

Budget flexibility
- ‘Escape Clause’
- maximum flexibility

Recovery Plan for Europe
- €750 billion NextGenerationEU
- €1074 billion long-term EU budget
SURE ▶ €90.3 billion

- €7.8 billion (Belgium)
- €21.3 billion (Spain)
- €192 million (Latvia)
- €5.9 billion (Portugal)
- €511 million (Bulgaria)
- €1 billion (Croatia)
- €602 million (Lithuania)
- €4 billion (Romania)
- €2 billion (Czechia)
- €27.4 billion (Italy)
- €244 million (Malta)
- €631 million (Slovakia)
- €2.7 billion (Greece)
- €479 million (Cyprus)
- €11.2 billion (Poland)
- €1.1 billion (Slovenia)
- €504 million (Hungary)
- €2.5 billion (Ireland)

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The amounts are rounded.
Recovery Plan for Europe

Supporting Member States to recover, repair and emerge stronger from the crisis

Kick starting the economy and helping private investment to get moving again

Learning the lessons of the crisis and addressing Europe’s strategic challenges

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Instruments for the Recovery Plan

- **research and innovation**, via Horizon Europe
- **fair climate and digital transitions**, via the Just Transition Fund and the Digital Europe Programme
- **preparedness, recovery and resilience**, via the Recovery and Resilience Facility, rescEU and a new health programme, EU4Health
- **modernising traditional policies** such as cohesion and the common agricultural policy
- **fighting climate change**, with 30% of the EU funds, the highest share ever of the European budget
- **biodiversity protection** and **gender equality**
More on the recovery

- European Investment Group
  - €25 billion guarantee
- EU Solidarity Fund
- Protecting critical assets
- Supporting partners globally
  - €20 billion
Recovery: Green transition

• Europe’s growth strategy

• Hundreds of thousands of new green jobs

• Just Transition Fund to assist Member States and ensure support to those most affected

• These transitions will make Europe more resilient and strategically autonomous

• 37% for green investments and reforms under the Recovery and Resilience Facility
Recovery: Digital transformation

- Connectivity (5G and broadband)
- Data economy (including data spaces)
- Technology (High Performance Computing, Quantum, AI and blockchain)
- Fair business environment
- Skills Agenda for Europe and Pact for Skills
- Cybersecurity
- 20% for digital investments and reforms under the Recovery and Resilience Facility
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