



Coronavirus: European Solidarity in action

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Across the European Union, countries, regions and cities are stretching out a helping hand to neighbours, helping those most in need. This is European solidarity in action.

For a full overview of the comprehensive EU action to tackle COVID-19, please visit: https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response_en

Snapshots of European Solidarity



France has donated 1 million masks to Italy and Germany has delivered 7,5 tons of medical equipment to Italy, including ventilators and anaesthetic masks, helping save lives.



The EU has managed to bring home over half a million citizens stranded abroad, with most flights being intra-European.

European solidarity in treating patients

Austria



11 intensive care patients from **Italy** and 3 intensive care patients from **France** are being taken care of in Austrian hospitals. "Given the great drama of the situation, this is only a small contribution, but it is symbolically important that we support Europe," a statement released by the Austrian authorities said.

Cities and states across Germany are treating critically ill patients from **Italy, France and the Netherlands**, making their own intensive care capacities available for for these patients.

For **Italy**, 85 intensive care beds have been reserved in 10 German federal states with 44 Italian patients already transferred to Germany.

Germany



For **France**, 98 intensive care beds have been reserved in 10 federal states with 130 French patients already transferred to Germany.

46 patients from the **Netherlands** have been transferred to Germany for the treatment.

Planes and helicopters operated by the German Airforce picked up intensive care patients for treatment in Germany.

Medical staff from the University clinic Jena are supporting a clinic near Naples, Campania.

Greece



500 mobile medical units co-financed by the **EU** will allow to test citizens at their homes.

Italy



Emergency Medical Team of 10 doctors and nurses from Italy are preparing their mission to Armenia, via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

Seven French intensive care patients from Mulhouse, **France**, were airlifted on 25 March and are being treated in Luxembourg. Another 4 have arrived from Thionville.

Luxembourg



Luxembourg Air Rescue repatriated six more patients who come from the Grand-Est region in **France** and were treated in intensive care in the Grand Duchy and in **Germany**. 5 French patients remain in intensive care in Luxembourg.

Ambulance jets and two helicopters of the Luxembourg Air Rescue were integrated into the French Urgent Medical Aid Service. They have flown French intensive care patients to Hamburg and Dresden, Germany.

Poland



Poland is sending a dedicated team of 15 Polish doctors and paramedics, certified by the WHO, to a field hospital in Brescia, Lombardy, one of the most affected areas in **Italy**.

Romania



Doctors and nurses from Romania and Norway the latter part of the EU Medical Corps, [dispatched](#) to Bergamo and Milan. Their deployment has been co-financed under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism and coordinated by the [EU Emergency Response Coordination Centre](#).

European solidarity in protecting health workers and citizens

As of 7 May, the European Commission started delivering 1.5 million masks to 17 Member States and the UK to protect EU healthcare workers. This is the first batch of 10 million masks purchased by the Commission via the Emergency Support Instrument. They will be delivered over next six weeks in weekly instalments of 1.5 million masks to the Member States and regions in need.

EU



Following previous deliveries of some 330,000 protective masks to **Italy**, **Spain** and **Croatia**, more batches of protective masks were delivered to **Lithuania**, (20,000), **North Macedonia** (10,000) and **Montenegro** (10,000) **under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism**. The masks come from the strategic rescEU reserve, hosted in the distribution centres in **Romania** and **Germany**. rescEU reserve of medical countermeasures is completely financed by the EU budget. **Lithuania** will also receive FFP2 masks from the rescEU reserve and further deliveries will follow.

On 18 June, a pilot operation has successfully delivered over seven tonnes of personal protective equipment to **Bulgaria**. The cargo includes over 500,000 protective masks, purchased by Bulgaria with transport costs covered by the EU.

Austria transported 1.5 million masks to **Italy**.

Austria



Austria has delivered over 3,360 liters of medical disinfectant to **Italy** via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

Austria is sending gloves and disinfectant to **Croatia**, **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, **Montenegro**, **Moldova** and **Albania** via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

North Macedonia has received shelter and sanitary items, and **Serbia** received blankets, mattresses and tents for migrants in the country via the Mechanism. Austria also sent 181 living containers which can be used as shelters or mobile healthcare facilities at the disposal of Greek authorities for migrant camps in Greece

Czechia



Czechia offers 10,000 protective suits to **Italy** and another 10,000 to **Spain**.

Czechia has also sent shelter, sanitary and non-food items to **Greece** for refugees and migrants at risk of coronavirus through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

Denmark



Denmark is sending customised containers for shelter and medical care to **Greece** for refugees and migrants at risk of coronavirus through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. It also offered medical ventilators to **Italy** and protective equipment to **Georgia**.

Estonia



Estonia offered disinfectant, blankets and bedlinen to **North Macedonia, Montenegro** and **Georgia** through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

France



France has donated 1 million masks to **Italy** and 20,000 protective suits.

France is also sending customised containers for shelter and medical care to **Greece** for refugees and migrants at risk of coronavirus through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

Germany



Germany has delivered 7,5 tons of medical equipment to **Italy**, including ventilators and anaesthetic masks. It has also delivered 50 ventilators to **Spain** and 25 to **France**.

Hungary



Hungary has delivered more than 1,700,000 masks, 200,000 gloves and several other equipment to amongst others **Croatia, Slovenia, Romania, Slovakia, Italy, Serbia, North-Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro**.

Latvia



Latvia provided 478,500 masks to **Estonia** under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

It offered 60,000 facemasks to **Lithuania**, also under the Mechanism.

Luxembourg



Luxembourg delivered 1.440 kg of material to **Spain** to make individual protection suits for its medical staff; it also facilitated the delivery of 100t of medical equipment from China to Lithuania.

Netherlands



The Netherlands is sending customised containers for shelter and medical care to **Greece** for refugees and migrants at risk of coronavirus through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

Poland



Poland has offered disinfectant, surgical masks, face shields and other personal protective equipment items to **Moldova** and **Ukraine**.

Slovakia



Slovakia sent masks and disinfectant to **Italy** and offered ambulances, masks, disinfectant and blankets to **Ukraine** under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

European solidarity in bringing people home*

EU




 Since the beginning of the outbreak, on board of over 350 repatriation flights facilitated and co-financed by the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, over **77,000 stranded EU citizens have been brought home** so far. One in three passengers repatriated were European citizens from a different nationality than the country organising the repatriation flight.

Many more intra-European flights, also outside the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, but chartered directly by Member States, are bringing citizens home daily.

Austria



 Austria repatriated citizens of 25 EU Member States on flights organized by Austria from Argentina, Australia, Chile, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, Tunisia, UK, US, Vietnam.

* 15 EU Member States used the Union Civil Protection Mechanism in their repatriation efforts. Most of the flights listed in the factsheet are EU-funded flights. Bilateral solidarity efforts in bringing citizens home are included where these have been expressly flagged to the Commission.

Belgium

Belgium repatriated citizens of 20 EU countries.

Czechia

Czechia has repatriated hundreds of citizens of 22 EU countries.

Denmark

Denmark has brought back citizens of other EU countries on a flight from Mali, also carrying humanitarian aid on the outbound flight.

Germany

Germany has repatriated about thousands of citizens from all other EU countries.

Ireland

Ireland brought back home citizens of 17 EU countries.

Finland

Finland has brought home citizens of 10 EU countries.

France

France repatriated hundreds of citizens of 26 EU countries. A flight from Wuhan, China, in early February carried 64 French citizens and 135 other EU citizens.

Italy

Italy repatriated citizens of 6 Member States from Tokyo, Japan.

Latvia

Latvia repatriated citizens of 4 Member States.

Lithuania

Lithuania has brought home citizens of 8 EU countries.

Luxembourg

Luxembourg repatriated citizens of 9 EU countries. A flight from Cabo Verde on 25 March carried just 20 Luxembourgish citizens and 131 other EU citizens.

Portugal

Portugal helped bringing home hundreds of citizens of 17 EU countries.

Spain

Spain has brought home more than 600 European citizens of 19 EU countries.

Sweden

Sweden has brought home citizens of 15 EU countries.

Many more EU citizens have been repatriated by European flights also outside the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. For example:

Denmark

A Danish flight brought home 105 Danes and another 179 Europeans from the Philippines; it has helped repatriated 324 fellow European citizens on 4 special flights from Morocco, Italy, Philippines and Peru.

Croatia

Croatia helped bring home citizens of 5 Member States.

Germany

Support to 600 Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians to return home by ferry.

Hungary

Hungary has brought back home citizens of 6 EU countries.

Netherlands

The Netherlands has brought back over 230 citizens of various EU countries home from Spain, Portugal, The Gambia, Cape Verde, Peru and Turkey.

Portugal

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Slovakia

Slovakia arranged for a flight from the US repatriating 300 EU citizens from 4 Member States. Six other flights are already planned.

Lithuania

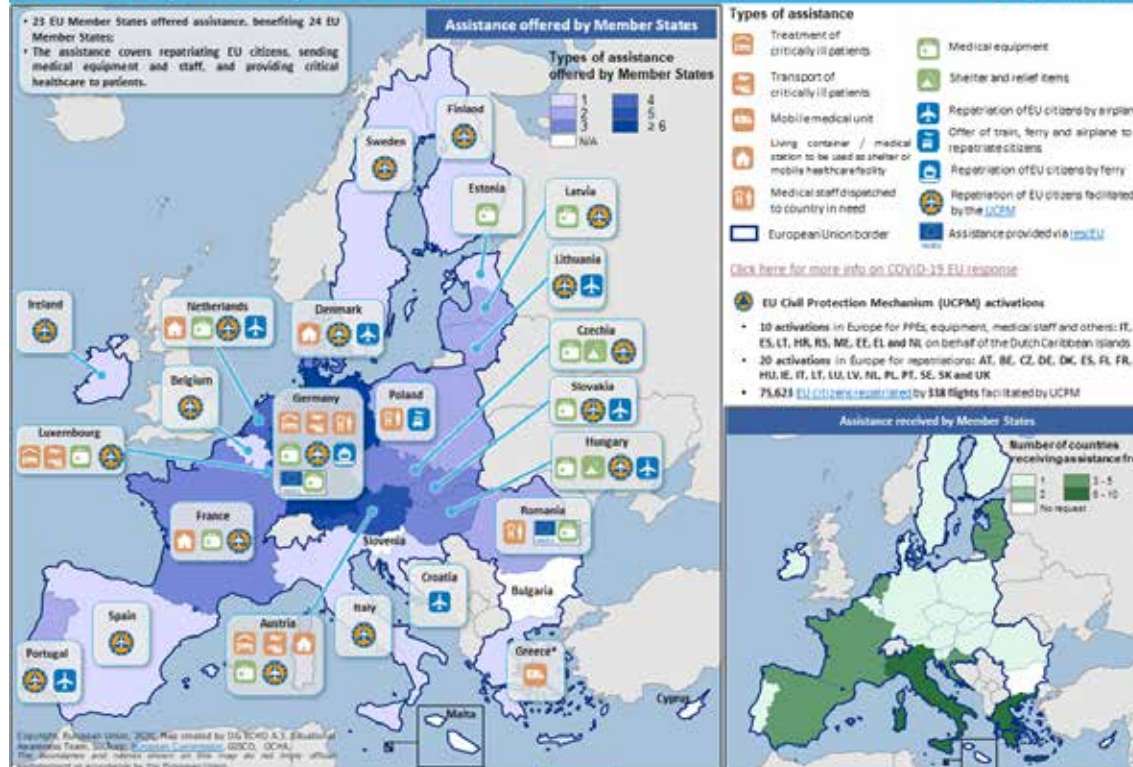
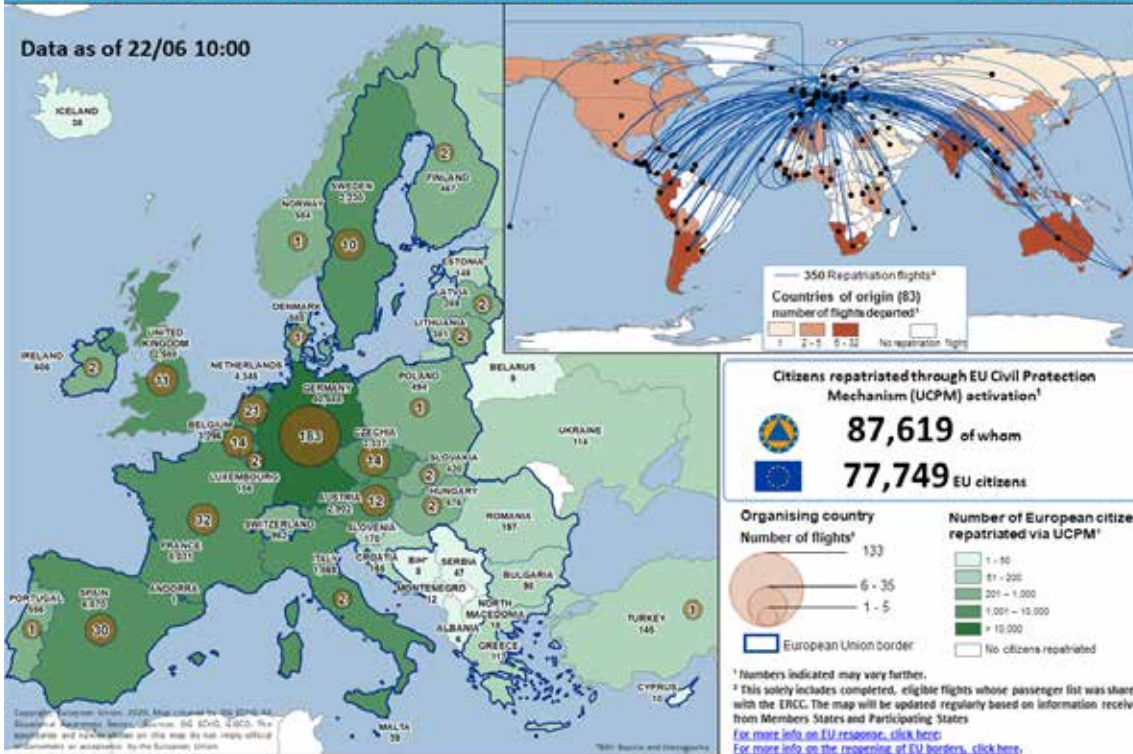
Lithuania helped bring home more than 400 citizens of 6 EU countries return home from Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and South America.



Polish LOT airlines has helped repatriating citizens from 18 EU countries.

Poland

Poland offered citizens of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania ferries and dedicated trains to ensure their safe journey home. Poland also organised 18 convoys of over 800 vehicles, escorted by the Polish Police, to help than 2.000 citizens of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to return home safely.



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