



# A European Health Union: tackling health crises together

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## Coronavirus impact and response



8.2 million

infected people in the EU since January 2020<sup>1</sup>



€2.7 billion

EU emergency support for coronavirus health response, e.g. medicines, vaccines and protective equipment



66% of citizens

want more EU responsibility in health crises ([Eurobarometer](#))

## Lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic

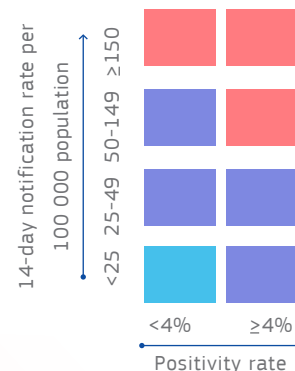
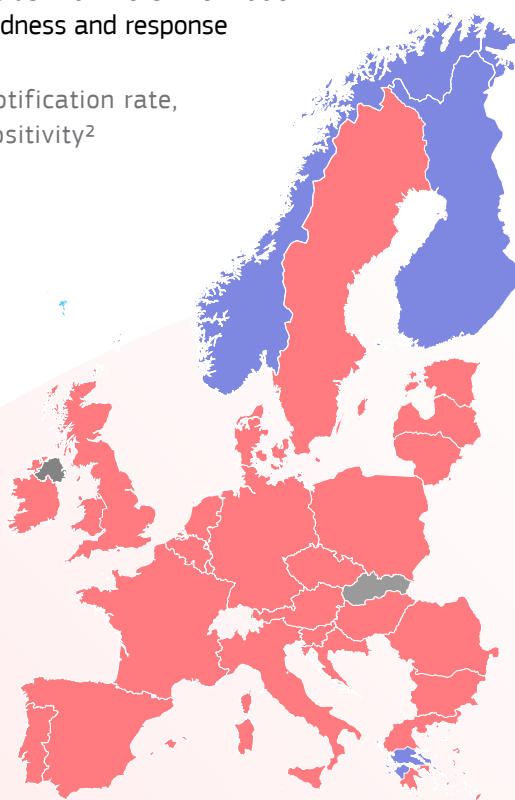
- Step up our cooperation and create robust structures at EU-level
- Make common risk assessments
- Cooperate on data pooling to provide us with more information and better resources to plan preparedness and response

Combined indicator: 14-day notification rate, testing rate and test positivity<sup>2</sup>



Countries and regions not visible in the main map

- Malta
- Canary Islands
- Liechtenstein
- Greenland
- Azores
- Madeira



● No data available on number of tests performed

<sup>1</sup>ECDC Daily situation update for the EU/EEA and UK, 10 November 2020

<sup>2</sup>ECDC, updated 5 November 2020



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## WHAT WE NEED

More and better EU interventions

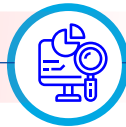


## WHAT WE ARE PROPOSING

- **Emergency declaration at EU-level** to ensure EU measures
- **EU Health Task Force** and training for healthcare staff
- Stronger EU guidance on common response measures and implementation responsibilities

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More and better data



- State-of-the-art **monitoring** of epidemiological situation
- Risk assessment based on common data

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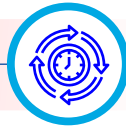
Better testing and contact tracing



- A new authority to **develop and procure biomedical and other solutions** to enable better testing and contact tracing

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Better preparedness planning at all levels



- Harmonised EU, national and regional **preparedness and response plans**
- Regular **auditing and stress-testing** of national preparedness plans

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Ensure supplies of medicines and protective equipment



- **Monitoring of medicines** and medical devices supply
- The new authority to **develop and procure biomedical products** will ensure fast response to urgent needs in health emergencies



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