



Coronavirus: Taiwan's aid to the EU delivered to Spain and Italy

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Taiwan's donation of masks to the European Union and Member States in the context of the coronavirus pandemic has arrived today.

Commissioner for Crisis Management Janez **Lenarčič** said: *"In these difficult times, international cooperation is crucial. We highly appreciate Taiwan's gesture of solidarity with its donation of medical masks to the European Union. The Commission's Emergency Response Coordination Centre has facilitated the delivery of 1 million these masks to Spain and Italy, which were a direct donation to the European Union. The remaining 5.9 million masks are being provided through bilateral channels to other Member States."*

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