EU #CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

June 2021
The battle against the virus is a marathon and not a sprint. It needs foresight, endurance and stamina.

President von der Leyen
10 February 2021
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
- Helping EU neighbours and global partners
Elements of Response

1. Health and emergency response

2. Economic response and recovery

1897 adopted measures, including 927 state aid decisions (as of June 8)
1. Health and emergency response

- **EU 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
In mid-June, the EU has passed 300 million vaccinations.

The EU Vaccines Strategy for a lasting solution to the pandemic.

4 authorised vaccines:
Up to **4.4 billion doses** to cover at least 70% of the population (June 2021)

6 Advance Purchase Agreements with vaccine manufacturers
EU Vaccines Strategy

**Quality, safety and efficacy** of vaccines. Six contracts for the purchase of a vaccine concluded.

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

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

By the end of summer 2021, to have enough doses delivered to vaccinate a minimum of **70% of the entire adult population**.
Coronavirus Global Response

• Raised €15,9 billion to fill funding gap
• Fair and universal access to vaccines
• Multilateral effort with EU in the lead
• With almost €3 billion in support of COVAX, the EU as a whole is COVAX’s biggest donor
• Vaccine Sharing Mechanism to facilitate donations of 2.6 billion doses, with the possibility to share with other countries
European Health Union

• Better protect the health of citizens
• Prevent and tackle future pandemics
• Improve resilience of Europe’s health systems
• Strengthen EU medical and scientific agencies
• The EU Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority (HERA)
Solidarity in Action

• COVAX Facility
• EU Civil Protection Mechanism
• rescEU - first stockpile of medical equipment
• Humanitarian Air Bridge
• Helping vulnerable populations
• Joint procurement
• EU Medical Corps
Global Health Summit & Rome Declaration

- Co-hosted by the European Commission and Italy, as chair of the G20
- **Rome Declaration**: foster all-of-society and health-in-all policies approaches, while investing in the worldwide health and care workforce
- EU proposal in the World Trade Organization on the use of compulsory licences, supporting the expansion of production and trade facilitation.
- EU pledged to donate some **100 million** vaccine doses by the end of 2021.
Safe travel

• EU Digital COVID Certificate
• Restoring free movement
• Re-open EU – web platform and app with information on health and travel measures

• Common approach to travel measures
EU Digital COVID Certificate

• a **digital proof** that a person has:
  • been vaccinated against COVID-19
  • recovered from COVID-19
  • received a negative test result
• its purpose is to **facilitate safe free movement** of citizens in the EU during the COVID-19 pandemic
• it is **not a precondition for travel** and regulation will be in effect **only for 12 months**
• available in all EU Member States **as of 1 July**
Contact tracing and warning apps

- National contact tracing and warning apps break transmission chains
- 20 national apps are interoperable and 18 work across borders
- Apps have been downloaded together 93 million times
- Strong data protection rules
Fighting disinformation

• Strong communications environment with pre-emptive and positive messages

• Working with digital online platforms, including via the strengthening of the Code of Practice on Disinformation

• Material for myth-busting and fact checking

• Working with a broad coalition of partners, including healthcare professionals to build trust
2. Economic response

State aid rules
- Liquidity to economy
- Support businesses and jobs
- Approximately 3.05 trillion

SURE program
- Up to €100 billion
- Support for the unemployed

ECB measures
- €1.320 billion Pandemic Emergency Programme

Recovery Plan for Europe
- €806.9 billion NextGenerationEU
- €1210.9 billion long-term EU budget

Budget flexibility
- General Escape Clause activated, until 2022
- Maximum flexibility

Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative
- around €18 billion in investments
- unspent cohesion funds
- €7.4 billion to hospitals
- €12 billion to businesses
- €3.8 billion to people

As of 15th of June 2021, numbers are updated in current prices, older versions mentioned numbers in 2018 prices.
The ECB has launched the €1,350 billion Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme.
SURE: €94.3 billion

- €8.2 billion
  Belgium

- €511 million
  Bulgaria

- €2 billion
  Czechia

- €2.5 billion
  Ireland

- €5.3 billion
  Greece

- €21.3 billion
  Spain

- €1 billion
  Croatia

- €27.4 billion
  Italy

- €604 million
  Cyprus

- €957 million
  Lithuania

- €504 million
  Hungary

- €420 million
  Malta

- €11.2 billion
  Poland

- €5.9 billion
  Portugal

- €4.1 billion
  Romania

- €1.1 billion
  Slovenia

- €631 million
  Slovakia

The amounts are rounded.
EU Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative

EU Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative: 37 EUR billion

- Medical equipment and devices purchased from structural funds
- Liquidity for authorities to deal with the crisis
- Help for SMEs to pay salaries and bills

EU Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative Plus (CRII+)

- Flexibility for use of structural funds
  Between funds, regions and topics & 100% EU co-financing rate
- Better protect the most deprived
  Delivering food aid and basic material assistance through electronic vouchers
- Support for vital sectors
  Additional measures and flexibility to help farmers, fishermen and the food & seafood sectors

#COVID19 #EUinmyregion
Recovery Plan for Europe: NextGenerationEU

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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More on the recovery

- European Investment Group
  - €25 billion guarantee
- EU Solidarity Fund
Green, Digital and more resilient EU

Fighting climate change, 37% of the EU funds, the highest share ever of the European budget

Digital transformation, data, technology and infrastructures, 20% of the budget

Protecting health, reinforce preparedness, recovery and resilience
Recovery: Green transition

- Europe’s growth strategy and hundreds of thousands of new green jobs
- Just Transition Fund to assist Member States and ensure support to those most affected
- 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) and technology (High Performance Computing, AI and blockchain)

• Data economy

• Fair online business environment

• Skills Agenda for Europe and Pact for Skills

• Cybersecurity

• 20% for digital investments and reforms under the Recovery and Resilience Facility

• Europe’s Digital Decade
Thank you

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