EU response to the coronavirus pandemic in the Western Balkans

Overview of the EU support package

The EU is mobilising a package of over €410 million in reallocated bilateral financial assistance to support the Western Balkans during the coronavirus emergency.

- **€38 million** of immediate funding, mostly implemented through UN agencies, to address the most pressing medical equipment and protection needs.
- **€374 million** in short to medium term assistance to support the social and economic recovery of the region.
- Ensuring the flow of essential goods, expanding Green Lanes within the region.

**BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**
- €7 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €73.3 million of support for the social and economic recovery

**MONTENEGRO**
- €3 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €50 million of support for the social and economic recovery

**ALBANIA**
- €4 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €46.7 million of support for the social and economic recovery

**SERBIA**
- €15 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €78.4 million of support for the social and economic recovery

**KOSOVO***
- €5 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €63 million of support for the social and economic recovery

**NORTH MACEDONIA**
- €4 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €62 million of support for the social and economic recovery

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*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*
What is the EU already doing for the Western Balkans to address the Coronavirus emergency? Examples

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- The EU provided **€2 million** to equip hospitals with 7,500 testing kits as well as 80 respirators, and 15,000 protective visors.
- The EU launched the digital campaign #StayHome involving VIP personalities encouraging people not to leave their home, the campaign Heroes of the Day, praising people that must work and a digital campaign to tackle disinformation about coronavirus.

**Serbia**
- The EU funded **€2 million** for five cargo planes transporting more than 280 tons of emergency medical supplies procured by Serbia.
- Another **€4.9 million** have been provided to procure medical supplies for vulnerable groups in society.

**Montenegro**
- The EU provided **€3 million** to procure medical equipment, including 100 respirators, ten mobile X-ray devices, 85,000 masks, 80,000 gloves and 50,000 other protective gear.
- The EU distributed **600 emergency aid packages** for 400 Roma and Egyptian families in Nikšić, Berane, Bijelo Polje and Herceg Novi.

**Albania**
- The EU provided **€4 million** to procure immediate lifesaving medical equipment, including 5 fully equipped ambulances, respirators, digital mobile x-rays and state of the art equipment for intensive care.
- More than 400 Roma families have received aid packages.
- The EU launched a **social media campaign** raising awareness on how to behave during the coronavirus emergency, especially targeted at the most vulnerable.

**Kosovo**
- The EU provided **€5 million** to procure laboratory and protection equipment, including 30 respirators, 5 fully equipped ambulances and 400 hospital beds.
- The EU has launched a **social media campaign** sharing informative tips on how people should protect themselves during the coronavirus emergency.

**North Macedonia**
- The EU provided **€4 million** to procure medical equipment and supplies, including 20 respirators, 5000 testing sets and substantial quantities of personal protective equipment.
- The EU is in the process of financing a TV show promoting the #StayHome campaign.

Additional **€290 million** have been identified to help the socio-economic recovery of the whole region.