

COMMISSION ACTIONS ON COVID-19 (Since 10 March)

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ECONOMIC RESPONSE

Adopted

- Communication. *Commission calls for decisive coordinated economic response and 'will use all the tools at its disposal to weather this storm'*. **13 March**. [COM\(2020\)112](#). SG.
- Communication. *Activation of the general escape clause of the Stability and Growth Pact*. **20 March**. [COM\(2020\) 123](#). DG ECFIN.

STATE AID

Adopted

- Communication. *Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak (until December 2020)*. **19 March**. [C\(2020\)1863](#). DG COMP.
- Communication. *Amending the Annex to the Communication from the Commission to the Member States on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU to short-term export-credit insurance*. **27 March**. [C\(2020\)2044](#). DG COMP.
- State Aid Cases:
https://ec.europa.eu/competition/elojade/isef/index.cfm?fuseaction=dsp_sa_by_date

BUDGET MEASURES

Adopted

- Proposal for a Regulation. *Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative (EUR 37 billion)*. *Adoption in plenary session by the EP on March 26*. **13 March**. [COM\(2020\) 113](#). DG BUDG.
- Proposal for a Regulation. *Extension of the scope of the EUSF to include major public health emergencies and to define specific operations eligible for financing (EUR 800 million available)*. *Adoption in plenary session by the EP this week*. **13 March**. [COM\(2020\) 114](#). DG REGIO.
- *Reallocation of EUR 1 billion from the EU budget as a guarantee to the European Investment Fund to incentivize banks to provide liquidity to SMEs and midcaps*. The Eurogroup welcomed this proposal on **16 March**.
- Draft Amending Budget No 1 to the General Budget 2020. *Assistance to Greece in response to increased migration pressure immediate measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak. Support to post-earthquake reconstruction in Albania. Other adjustments*. **27 March**. [COM\(2020\) 145](#). DG BUDG.
- Proposal for a Decision. *Amending Decision (EU) 2020/265 as regards adjustments to the amounts mobilised from the Flexibility Instrument for 2020 for immediate measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak and for reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutor's Office*. **27 March**. [COM\(2020\) 140](#). DG BUDG.
- Task Force Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative. *Structured and targeted assistance to Member States to speed up implementation*. **In process**. DG BUDG.

BORDERS AND TRANSPORT

Adopted

- Proposal for a Regulation. *Suspension of the 'use-it-or-lose-it' rule on the allocation of slots at EU airports*. **13 March**. [COM\(2020\)111](#). DG MOVE.
- Guidelines. *Border management measures to protect health and ensure the*

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- *availability of goods and essential services. 16 March. [C\(2020\)1753](#). SG.*
- *Communication. Temporary Restriction on Non-Essential Travel to the EU (30 days). 16 March. [COM\(2020\)115](#). SG.*
- *Guidelines. Application of certain provisions of the EU passenger rights legislation in the context of the Covid-19 outbreak. 18 March. [C\(2020\)1830](#). DG MOVE.*
- *Communication. On the implementation of the Green Lanes to ensure the availability of goods and essential services. 23 March. [C\(2020\)1897](#). DG MOVE.*
- *Communication. Guidelines: Facilitating Air Cargo operations during COVID-19 outbreak. [C\(2020\) 2010](#). 26 March. DG MOVE.*
- *Implementing Decision. Amending Commission Implementing Decision (EU) 2019/570 as regards capacities established to respond to low probability risks with a high impact. [C\(2020\) 2011](#). 26 March. DG ECHO.*
- *Communication. Guidance on the implementation of the Communication on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel to the EU, on the facilitation of transit arrangements for the repatriation of EU citizens, and on the effects on visa policy. 30 March. [C\(2020\)2050](#). DG HOME.*
- *Communication. Guidelines concerning the exercise of the free movement of workers. 30 March. [C\(2020\)2051](#). DG EMPL.*
- *Action. Repatriation of close to 1 400 EU citizens to Europe facilitated by the European Civil Protection Mechanism. In process.*

PUBLIC HEALTH / ADVICE / RESC EU

Adopted

- *Four joint procurements with Member States :*
- *Call for tenders for personal protective equipment with 20 MS participating (evaluation of the bids are in process). 28 February.*
- *A tender for additional categories of personal protective equipment with 25 MS participating (evaluation of the bids are in process). 17 March.*
- *Tender for ventilators with 25 MS participating (deadline for submissions: 26 March). 17 March.*
- *New public procurement for laboratory equipment and test kits with 19 Members States participating (deadline for submissions: 31 March). 18 March.*
- *Recommendation. All economic operators must deploy all the measures at their disposal to support the efforts aimed at ensuring that the supply of personal protective equipment and medical devices throughout the EU market will match the continuously increasing demand. 13 March. [C\(2020\)1712](#). DG GROW.*
- *Decision. Commission's advisory panel on COVID-19. 16 March. [C\(2020\)1799](#). SG.*
- *Recommendations. For testing strategies. 18 March. DG SANTE.*
- *Recommendations. For community measures. 18 March. DG SANTE.*
- *Implementing decision. Include the stockpiling of medical countermeasures, intensive care medical equipment, and personal protective equipment aimed at combating serious cross-border threats to health in the capacities of rescEU (initial budget: EUR 50 million). 19 March. [C\(2020\)1827](#). DG ECHO.*
- *Implementing regulation. An export authorisation shall be required for the export outside the Union of personal protective equipment (six-week period). 15 March. [C\(2020\)1751](#). DG TRADE.*
- *Communication. Guidance note to Member States related to the implementing Regulation making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorisation. 18 March. [C\(2020\)1836](#). DG TRADE. [C\(2020\)1836](#)*

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Implementing regulation</u>. Amending the implementing regulation making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorisation. 19 March. C(2020)1864. DG TRADE.• <u>Communication</u>. New guidance note to Member States on the export authorisations. 19 March. C(2020)1865. DG TRADE.• <u>Guidelines</u>. To Member States on “Possibilities for measures to increase availability of disinfectant products in Member States”. 20 March. DG SANTE• <u>Implementing Decision</u>. On harmonised standards for medical devices. 24 March. C(2020)1901. DG SANTE.• <u>Implementing Decision</u>. On harmonised standards for active implantable medical devices. 24 March. C(2020)1902. DG SANTE.• <u>Implementing Decision</u>. On harmonised standards for in vitro diagnostic medical devices. 24 March. C(2020)1903. DG SANTE.• <u>Implementing decision</u>. Amending Commission Decision C(2019)8374 of 26.11.2019 on financing emergency response actions under the Union Civil Protection Mechanism for 2020. 26 March. C(2020) 1954. DG ECHO.• <u>Implementing Regulation</u>. On temporary measures to contain risks to human, animal and plant health and animal welfare during certain serious disruptions of Member States' control systems due to COVID-19. 30 March. C(2020)2049. DG SANTE.
RESEARCH / VACCINES	
Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mobilization of EUR 47.5 million of funds for 17 new projects and IMI 2 call.• Financial support of EUR 80 million to the German pharmaceutical company CureVac. 16 March.
OTHER	
Adopted	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <u>Notice</u>. Impact of safety measures due to COVID-19 on anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations. 13 March. C(2020)1527. DG TRADE.• <u>Common position of the Consumer Protection Authorities on the most reported scams and unfair practices in the context of the COVID19 epidemic</u>. 20 March. DG JUST.• <u>Communication</u>. Guidance to the MS concerning foreign direct investment and free movement of capital from third countries, and the protection of Europe's strategic assets, ahead of the application of FDI Screening Regulation. 25 March. C(2020) 1981. DG TRADE.