



Pandemien und Gesundheitskrisen in Europa – Das Krisenmanagement der EU

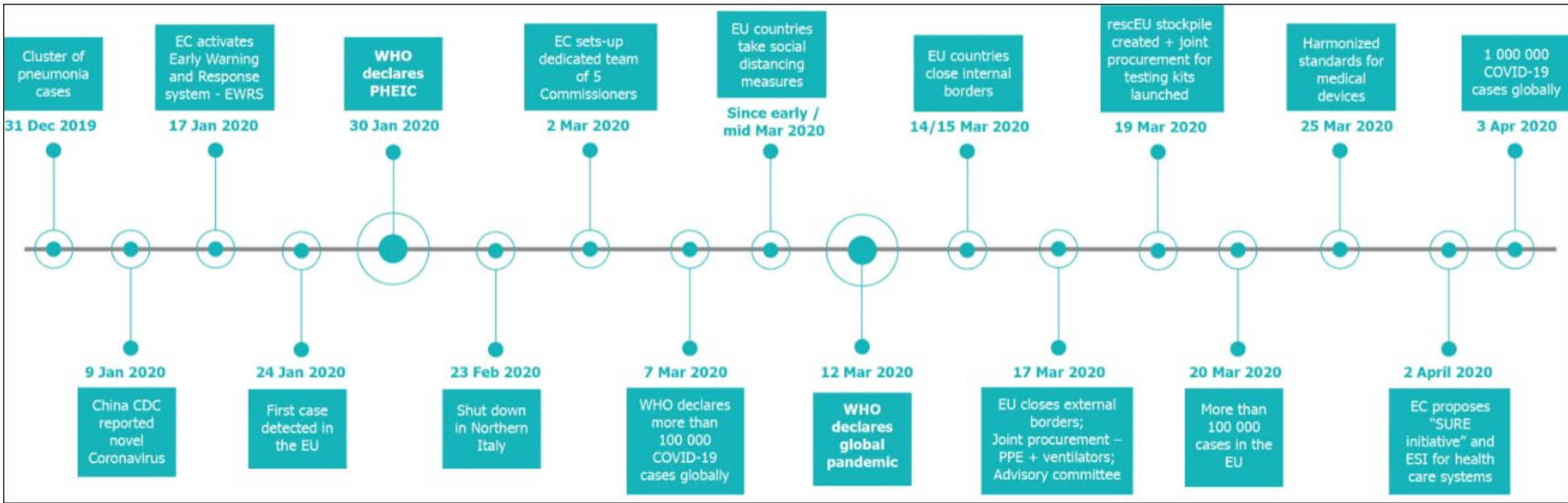
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Timeline



EU Coronavirus comprehensive response

- Health
- Economy
- Borders & mobility
- Research
- Fighting disinformation
- Coordinated exit strategy and recovery plan
- Tourism and transport



COVID-19 response: examples

- EC Communications on preparedness, vaccines, vaccination 11 JUN, 15 JUL, 28 OCT, 2 DEC 2020
- Ensuring the flow of information to allow informed decision-making
- Effective and rapid testing
- Making full use of contact tracing apps
- Effective vaccination
- Effective communication to citizens
- Ensuring essential supplies
- Facilitating safe travel
- Extending green lanes

EU health security framework – Decision 1082/2013/EU

- The Early Warning and Response System: information exchange between the Commission and Member States, EEA countries, UK, CH – Western Balkan added
- Health Security Committee
 - Health Security Committee's Communicators' network.
- Joint actions:
 - Joint Action “Healthy Gateways”: guidance and training on points of entry measures
 - SHARP (strengthened international health regulations and preparedness in the EU): guidance on laboratory preparedness

The Health Security Committee

- coordinates public health preparedness and response to the outbreak – 45 meetings so far on COVID-19 -
https://ec.europa.eu/health/hsc_covid19_en
- discusses: epidemiological situation, risk assessment, capacities (public health and health care, laboratories, medical countermeasures), response measures and recommendations
- Sub-network on risk communication
- EU role is to complement and support and to assist with EU policies and actions



Covid-19 in the EU – **public health** – a snapshot

- Coordination with MS – policies, recommendations and guidelines
- ESI and joint procurements
- Vaccines, therapeutcis, diagnostics
- Communication
- Research
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Promoting research

- €48.5 million for 18 projects by 140 research teams
- IMI call - up to €45 million from HORIZON2020 – same amount from industry
- 8 June - EU grants €314 million to innovative companies to **combat the virus** and support recovery
- 11 June - 2nd special call attracts 454 proposals
- Sept - SUPPORT-E, will support and coordinate efforts to determine if COVID-19 **convalescent plasma transfusion**
- Nov - €128 million granted on research to address pressing needs and the **socio-economic impact** of the pandemic - 23 projects involve 344 research teams from 39 countries

Joint procurements

Launch of joint procurements with Member States/UK/EEA/WB:

- February: **PPE 1**
- March: **PPE2 and ventilators**
 - face masks, gloves, goggles, face-shields, surgical masks, overalls
- March: **testing kits and laboratory equipment**
- Summer: procurement of **ICU medicines**
- Sept: **vaccination equipment**
- Oct: procurement of **remdesivir**
- Nov: **rapid anti-gen tests** – under preparation DEC: **therapeutics**

rescEU

- First joint EU stockpile – created on 19 March
- Hosted by: Germany, Romania - since Sept: Denmark, Greece, Hungary and Sweden
- FFP2 and FFP3 masks, protective gowns gloves, as well as ventilators
- EC finances 100% of the assets, including storage and transport

Coronavirus: further assistance delivered to Western Balkans from rescEU and the EU Civil Protection Mechanism



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The EU is sending further protective FFP2 masks and gowns to Montenegro and North Macedonia from rescEU – the common European reserve of medical equipment created to help countries affected by the coronavirus outbreak.

Central purchases with ESI funds

EC purchases and donates the goods to Member States / UK:

- **Masks**
 - 10 million KN95 masks
- **Remdesivir**
 - 34 000 treatment courses / 70 million €
- **Rapid antigen tests**
 - 100 million €

Vaccines - APAs > 2 B€



National COVID-19 vaccination strategies

- Countries are developing their strategies
- Support from ECDC
- Coordination through NITAGs – national advisory committees on immunization
- Coordination with WHO/EURO



Key steps for effective vaccination strategies and vaccines deployment

- EC communication of 15 Oct
- capacity of vaccination services to deliver COVID-19 vaccines, including skilled workforce and medical and protective equipment;
- easy and affordable access to vaccines for target populations;
- deployment of vaccines with different characteristics and storage and transport needs, in particular in terms of cold chain, cooled transport and storage capacity;
- clear communication on the benefits, risks and importance of COVID-19 vaccines to build public trust.

Effective and rapid testing

- EC Recommendation from 28 Oct 2020
- Aim: ensure testing policies contribute to the smooth functioning of the internal market, cross border travel and free movement of people, services and goods within the Union.
- test as widely as possible, and prioritise symptomatic individuals, persons who had contacts with confirmed cases, severe local outbreaks and also the testing of asymptomatic individuals (equipment permitting)
- testing schemes for critical staff
- conduct RT-PCR tests or validated equivalents for contacts after the exposure, with the aim to shorten the quarantine

Making full use of contact tracing apps

- Many EU countries have apps for contact tracing
- EU-wide system to ensure interoperability – a so-called ‘gateway’ - ensures that apps work seamlessly cross-borders.
- Users need to install one app and when they travel to another participating European country they will still benefit from contact tracing and receiving alerts
- Connected: Spain, Ireland, Germany, Lithuania, Italy, Denmark
- Coming next: Croatia...
 - So far 69 million people connected

Communication tools

- ECDC: infographics and leaflets: <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/covid-19/facts/infographics>
- ECDC: videos: <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/covid-19/facts/videos>
- Vaccination Information Portal: <https://vaccination-info.eu/en> - all EU languages
- Twitter: EU_Health
- Coalitions for Vaccination:
 - Videos
 - <https://www.cpme.eu/coalition-for-vaccination/>



Travel related guidance and information

- Policy on quarantine –under preparation
 - Quarantine for contacts
 - Quarantine for travellers
- Common passenger locator form
 - One electronic format
 - Pilots under way – planned to have digital PLF by the end of the year
 - Data protection !!
- reopenEU: web-portal - <https://reopen.europa.eu/en>

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European Health Union

- Health competences
- ECDC & EMA
- EU Health security framework

<https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/home/en>

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Lösungen und Zusammenarbeit:

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