

*IPCR Working-level Roundtable
Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19)*

Updates from the Commission

Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM)

As of 26 November 2021, there are 42 open requests including from 4 EU Member State (Bulgaria, the Netherlands, Romania, Latvia), 2 UCPM Participating States (Montenegro, North Macedonia), 35 third countries (Albania, Armenia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Costa Rica, Egypt, Georgia, Ghana, Haiti, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jamaica Kosovo* , Kyrgyzstan, Laos, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Mongolia, Namibia, Nepal, Philippines, Rwanda, Sudan, Suriname, Tajikistan, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Yemen) and one from an international organisation, UNICEF.

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Europe:

Bulgaria: On 13 November, the ERCC mobilised 150 ventilators, 150 patient and 15 central monitors from the **rescEU** stockpile hosted by Hungary. The offer's acceptance is pending until Bulgaria will reassess the situation and their needs by the end of week 22-28 November.

Romania: On 18 November, **Germany** delivered 12 750 units of monoclonal antibodies.

Latvia:

- Offers from **Finland, France, Lithuania, Poland, Lithuania, Czechia** and equipment from the **rescEU** medical stockpile hosted by Hungary, Sweden and the Netherlands were delivered between 30 October and 16 November.
- On 5 November, **Germany** offered 121 ventilators, 18 patient monitoring stations and on 6 November, 800 000 masks. The first batch of the offer was delivered on 24 November and the second batch is scheduled to be delivered on 29 November.
- On 24 November, **Austria** delivered 10 electrical and 100 manual suction units.

Montenegro: On 24 November, Germany delivered 1 536 units of monoclonal antibodies.

Ukraine:

- On 23 November, **Poland** offered 100 000 aprons, 50 000 protective suits and 10 000 antigen tests. The offer's acceptance is pending.
- On 19 November, Ukraine updated their request with 1.5 million vaccine doses and **Poland** offered 300 000 vaccine doses, which was accepted.

Africa:

Rwanda:

- On 22 November, the **Belgian** offer of 100 000 syringes has been delivered.
- On 21 November, **Poland** delivered 300 000 vaccine doses. The Polish delivery of 300 000 syringes and 300 000 needles are expected to arrive on 25 November.

Ghana: On 17 November, Ghana requested 150 000 vaccine doses, the next day **Greece**

offered 150 000 vaccine doses. 100 000 vaccine doses which have been delivered on 24 November and 50 000 doses are scheduled to arrive on 25 November.

Asia:

Armenia: On 24 November, **Poland** delivered 201 600 vaccines doses.

Bangladesh: On 9 November, **Germany** delivered 49 ventilators, 10,650 pulse oximeters. The offer of 12,268,880 KN95/FFP2 masks has been accepted and transport details are pending.

Indonesia: **The Netherlands** offered three million vaccine doses, which had been delivered in six batches. The fifth batch comprising of 680 400 vaccine doses and the last batch comprising of 800 000 vaccine doses had been delivered on 9 and 19 November respectively.

Laos: On 23 November, **Poland** offered 138 510 vaccine doses.

Nepal: The **German** offer of 22.6 million masks is scheduled to arrive in several batches, the first two flights arrived on 18 and 22 November.

Philippines: On 23 November, **Poland** offered 547 100 vaccine doses, which are expected to arrive on 28 November.

Vietnam:

- On 21 November, **Lithuania** delivered 188 700 vaccine doses.
- On 13 November, **Austria** delivered 50 000 vaccine doses and Germany delivered medical equipment.
- On 12 November, **Latvia** delivered 32 000 vaccine doses.

Middle East

Lebanon:

- On 25 November, **Slovakia** offered 18 tonnes of PPE, medical equipment, shelter items and other non-food items.
- On 5 November, **France** offered 584 600 syringes, 83 600 needles and 83 460 doses of associated diluents. The assistance was delivered on 14 November.

Iran: On 20 November, Iran updated their request with 6 million vaccine doses for Afghan Nationals in Iran.

The Netherlands (Caribbean): On 23 November, **the Netherlands** delivered 6 000 syringes and to **Sint Maarten**.

Costa Rica: On 21 November, **Germany** offered 1.5 million syringes and needles.

Latest rescEU developments

On 22 November, **Sweden** has updated the rescEU medical stockpile with 64,800 face shields. The total amount of face shields registered by Sweden so far now stands at 1,380,000.

Emergency Support Instrument (ESI)

On 10 November, following the recent worsening of the epidemiological situation in Europe, DG ECHO has decided to launch a final invitation to submit applications under the Emergency Support Instrument (ESI) Mobility Package, offering the following:

1. Grants for transfer of medical patients, and transport of medical personnel and teams, as well as operational support for mobile medical response capacities.
2. Support via the use of the Commission’s transport broker for cargo transport (COVID-19 vaccination-related equipment and COVID-19 therapeutics) and transport of medical personnel and teams, in response to COVID-19. The deadline to submit applications closed on 18 November, 2021 at 17:00 CET.

In advance of the deadline, four new applications for grants for transfer of medical patients and transport of medical teams were received:

- Denmark applied for transport and operational funding of medical teams to support Romania.
- Germany applied for the transfer of patients from Romania to Germany.
- Romania applied for the transfer of patients to other EU Members States as well as their return to Romania and for deployment of emergency medical teams to Romania.
- Slovakia applied for transfer of patients from Slovakia to other EU Member States, for transfer of medical personnel from other EU Member States to Slovakia and for the repatriation of deceased patients.

The total amount requested under the ESI third call is EUR 2,927,805.00. The ESI team is assessing the applications received.

EU Digital COVID Certificate – third country equivalence decisions (as of 26 November 2021)

Country ¹	Preliminary Contact	Checklist completed	Equivalency decision ² (date of publication in OJ)
Albania	✓	✓	15 September 2021
Algeria	✓		
Andorra	✓	✓	15 September 2021
Argentina	✓		
Armenia	✓	✓	29 October 2021
Azerbaijan	✓		
Bahrain	✓		
Benin	✓		
Bosnia and Herzegovina	✓		
Brazil	✓	✓	
Burundi	✓	✓	

¹ The list contains countries and territories. It is not limited to countries recognised by the EU.

² Based on Article 8(2) of Regulation (EU) 2021/953.

Cabo Verde	✓	✓	
Canada	✓		
Chile	✓	✓	
Colombia	✓	✓	
Dominican Republic	✓		
El Salvador	✓	✓	
Egypt	✓		
Faroe Islands	✓	✓	<i>15 September 2021</i>
Georgia	✓	✓	<i>16 November 2021</i>
Hong Kong	✓	✓	
Israel	✓	✓	<i>15 September 2021</i>
Jamaica	✓		
Japan	✓		
Jordan	✓	✓	
Kazakhstan	✓		
Kenya	✓	✓	
Korea (ROK)	✓	✓	
Kosovo ³	✓	✓	
Kuwait	✓	✓	
Lebanon	✓	✓	
Malaysia	✓	✓	
Mexico	✓		
Mongolia	✓		
Montenegro	✓	✓	
Moldova	✓	✓	<i>16 November 2021</i>
Monaco	✓	✓	<i>15 September 2021</i>
Morocco	✓	✓	<i>15 September 2021</i>
New Zealand	✓	✓	<i>16 November 2021</i>
North Macedonia	✓	✓	<i>20 August 2021</i>
Palestine	✓	✓	
Panama	✓	✓	<i>15 September 2021</i>
Philippines	✓	✓	
Russia	✓	✓	
Rwanda	✓	✓	
San Marino	✓	✓	<i>2 August 2021</i>
Serbia	✓	✓	<i>16 November 2021</i>
Singapore	✓	✓	25 November 2021
South Sudan	✓	✓	
<i>Switzerland⁵</i>	✓	✓	<i>9 July 2021</i>
Taiwan	✓	✓	
Tanzania	✓	✓	
Thailand	✓	✓	
Togo	✓	✓	25 November 2021
Tunisia	✓	✓	
Turkey	✓	✓	<i>20 August 2021</i>

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⁵ Based on Article 3(10) of Regulation (EU) 2021/953.

UAE	✓	✓	
Uganda	✓	✓	
United Kingdom	✓	✓	29 October 2021
Ukraine	✓	✓	20 August 2021
United States	✓		
Uruguay	✓	✓	
Vatican	✓	✓	2 August 2021
Vietnam	✓	✓	

Multilateral Organisations having contacted the EU

- Eurasian Development Bank
- World Health Organization
- ICAO

Emergency break activation to stop or slow the transmission of Omicron variant

Overview of NOTAMs / restrictions emitted

AT	Pax and flights restrictions with exemptions Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe
BE	Pax and flights restrictions Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe
BG	Pax restrictions with exemptions for Mozambique, Botswana, South Africa, Lesotho, Eswatini, Namibia and Zambia
HR	No need for NOTAM change as NOTAMs are general referring to governmental websites information on restrictions
CY	Pax restrictions with exemptions for Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe
CZ	Flights restriction with exemptions for Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe
DK	Flights and pax restrictions for Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa or Zimbabwe in case pax from those countries do not hold a negative PCR test
EE	No publication
FI	No publication; general NOTAM with restrictions referring to governmental websites expired yesterday and not replaced
FR	Flight restrictions for South Africa, Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Zimbabwe; pax from those countries considered arriving from an orange country with specific quarantine requirements
DE	Concerned states removed from the list of accepted countries; reference to areas with Variants of Concern on governmental websites, not through NOTAM
EL	Pax restrictions with exemptions for South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Namibia, Eswatini, Malawi and Zambia
HU	No update
IE	No update

IT	Pax and flights restrictions with minor exemptions for South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Malawi, Namibia, Eswatini
LV	No update
LT	No need for NOTAM change as NOTAMs are general referring to governmental websites information on restrictions
LU	Pax and flights restrictions Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe
MT	Pax restrictions for South Africa, Namibia, Lesotho, Botswana, Eswatini and Zimbabwe
NL	Pax restrictions for Mozambique, South-Africa, Lesotho, Eswatini, Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe; flight restrictions for Malawi
NO	No need for NOTAM change as NOTAMs are general referring to governmental websites information on restrictions
PL	No update
PT	Flight restrictions for continental area with some exemptions for Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe; special requirements for pax from Mozambique
RO	Pax restrictions for Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe
SK	Flight restrictions with some exemptions for Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, the republic of South Africa and Zimbabwe
SI	Flights and pax restrictions for Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa and Zimbabwe
ES	No need for NOTAM change as NOTAMs are general referring to governmental websites information on restrictions
SE	No update related to the concerned African states
CH	Flight and pax restrictions for South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Eswatini, Mozambique and Malawi

Comments: Some states are giving in the NOTAMs the references of their governmental websites where they update as required the travel restrictions.

For Estonia and Finland there is nothing published concerning restrictions. Finland used to have a NOTAM until 2 days ago that expired and has not been updated.



INTERCONTINENTAL FLIGHTS

SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES <-> EU/NO/CH (11/27/2021)

FLIGHTS FROM SELECTED SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO EU/NO/CH (27-11-2021)

Operator	Mozambique - Portugal	Namibia - Germany	South Africa - France	South Africa - Germany	South Africa - Netherlands	South Africa - Spain	South Africa - Switzerland	Total
AIR FRANCE			3					3
DEUTSCHE LUFTHANSA, AG, KOELN				1				1
EW DISCOVER GMBH		1						1
KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES					1			1
SWISS INTERNATIONAL AIR LINES LTD							1	1
TRANSPORTES AEREOS PORTUGUESES, E.P.	1							1
UNKNOWN							1	1
Total	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	9

FLIGHTS FROM EU/NO/CH TO SELECTED SOUTHERN AFRICAN COUNTRIES (27-11-2021)

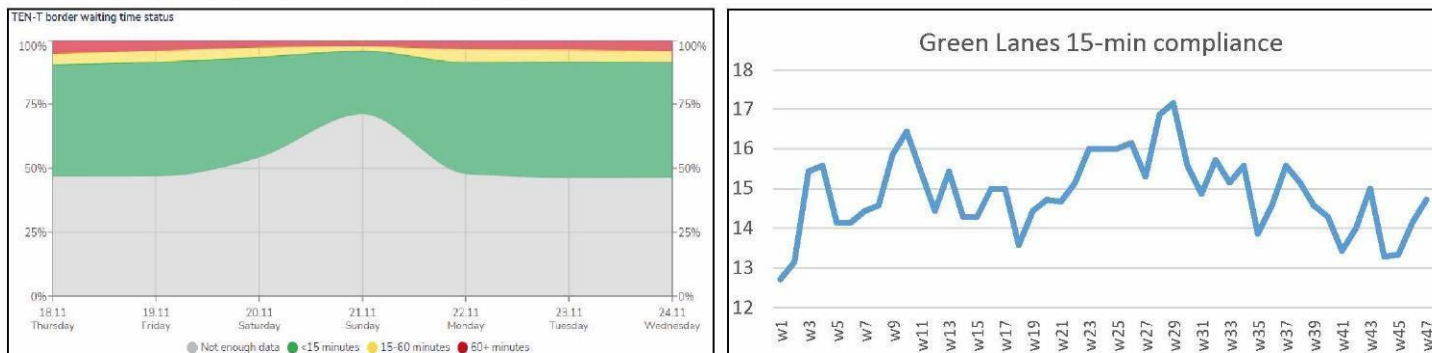
Operator	Germany - Namibia	Germany - South Africa	Luxembourg - South Africa	Netherlands - South Africa	Switzerland - South Africa	Total
DEUTSCHE LUFTHANSA, AG, KOELN		3				3
KLM ROYAL DUTCH AIRLINES				2		2
AIR ATLANTA ICELANDIC		1				1
AVCON JET AG					1	1
CARGOLUX AIRLINES INTERNATIONAL S.A.				1		1
EW DISCOVER GMBH	1					1
SWISS INTERNATIONAL AIR LINES LTD					1	1
Total	1	4	1	2	2	10

FLIGHT INFORMATION (11/27/2021)

ICAO Callsign	Registration	Country Pair	Dep. City	Dep. Airport	Arr. City	Arr. Airport	Departure Time (UTC)
OCN132	DAFYQ	Germany - Namibia	Frankfurt	Frankfurt am Main Airport	Windhoek	Hosea Kutako International Airport	11/27/2021 8:40:00 PM
DLH576	DAIFC	Germany - South Africa	Frankfurt	Frankfurt am Main Airport	Cape Town	Cape Town International Airport	11/27/2021 9:10:00 PM
DLH572	DABYR	Germany - South Africa	Frankfurt	Frankfurt am Main Airport	Johannesburg	OR Tambo International Airport	11/27/2021 8:50:00 PM
ABD785	TFAMI	Germany - South Africa	Hahn	Frankfurt-Hahn Airport	Johannesburg	OR Tambo International Airport	11/27/2021 1:50:00 PM
DLH574	DAIXC	Germany - South Africa	Munich	Munich Airport	Cape Town	Cape Town International Airport	11/27/2021 8:45:00 PM
CLX7146	LXVCV	Luxembourg - South Africa	Luxemburg	Luxembourg-Findel International Airport	Johannesburg	OR Tambo International Airport	11/27/2021 5:20:00 AM
TAP282	CSTUD	Mozambique - Portugal	Maputo	Maputo Airport	Lisbon	Humberto Delgado Airport (Lisbon Portela Airport)	11/27/2021 7:20:00 AM
OCN138	DAIKH	Namibia - Germany	Windhoek	Hosea Kutako International Airport	Frankfurt	Frankfurt am Main Airport	11/26/2021 6:00:00 PM
KLM103	PHBKA	Netherlands - South Africa	Amsterdam	Amsterdam Airport Schiphol	Cape Town	Cape Town International Airport	11/27/2021 9:15:00 AM
KLM591	PHBQH	Netherlands - South Africa	Amsterdam	Amsterdam Airport Schiphol	Johannesburg	OR Tambo International Airport	11/27/2021 9:20:00 AM
AFR871	FHRBJ	South Africa - France	Cape Town	Cape Town International Airport	Paris	Charles de Gaulle International Airport	11/26/2021 10:40:00 PM
AFR995	FGSQI	South Africa - France	Johannesburg	OR Tambo International Airport	Paris	Charles de Gaulle International Airport	11/26/2021 5:50:00 PM
AFR995	FGZNA	South Africa - France	Johannesburg	OR Tambo International Airport	Paris	Charles de Gaulle International Airport	11/27/2021 11:00:00 AM
DLH573D	DA8YG	South Africa - Germany	Johannesburg	OR Tambo International Airport	Frankfurt	Frankfurt am Main Airport	11/27/2021 9:00:00 AM
KLM592	PHBVU	South Africa - Netherlands	Johannesburg	OR Tambo International Airport	Amsterdam	Amsterdam Airport Schiphol	11/27/2021 1:15:00 AM
BFY230R	P4BFY	South Africa - Spain	Cape Town	Cape Town International Airport	Barcelona	Barcelona International Airport	11/27/2021 9:30:00 AM
SWR285	HBJMC	South Africa - Switzerland	Johannesburg	OR Tambo International Airport	Zürich	Zürich Airport	11/26/2021 6:25:00 PM
AOJ98M	OIEISN	Switzerland - South Africa	Geneva	Geneva Cointrin International Airport	Cape Town	Cape Town International Airport	11/27/2021 7:00:00 AM
SWR284	HBJMB	Switzerland - South Africa	Zurich	Zürich Airport	Johannesburg	OR Tambo International Airport	11/27/2021 9:55:00 PM

EL extended its existing measures vis-à-vis North Macedonia and Albania until 3 December. SK adopted a decree introducing a general lockdown for two weeks starting from 25 November. The decree does not specify the details for international transport. However, it imposes an obligation on the public health authority to adopt an ordinance ensuring implementation of the restrictions together with possible exemptions. This ordinance has not yet been issued.

CONGESTIONS AT INTERNAL EU BORDERS



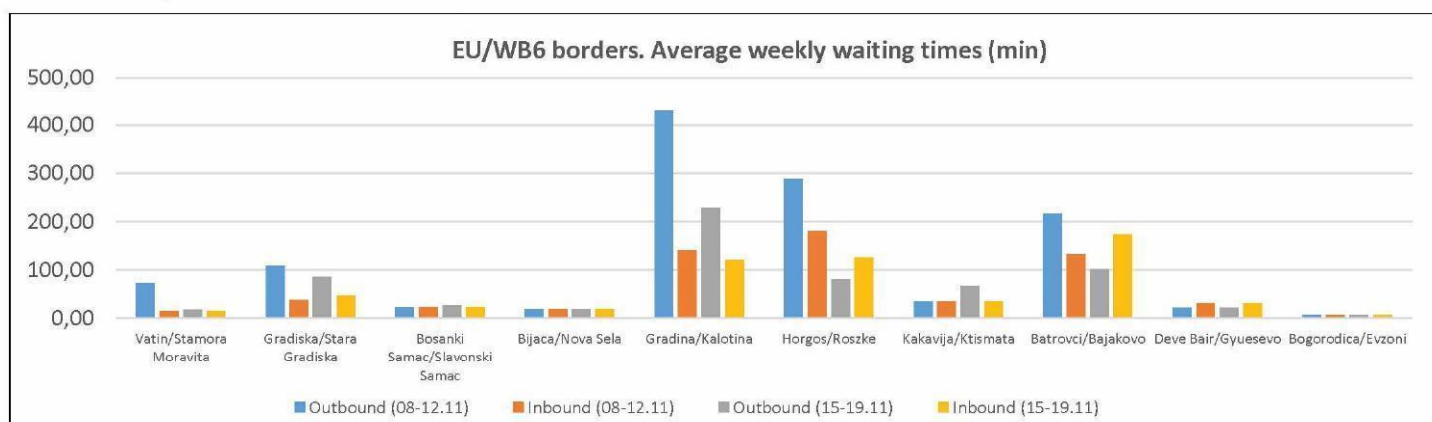
The majority of border crossing points at Schengen borders remained stable, with waiting times below the Green Lanes threshold of 15 minutes. The overall average waiting time at EU borders has increased again this week but remained below the threshold. Main bottlenecks continue to be observed at RO-BG border crossing points (almost 3.5 hours towards RO – an increase by half an hour – and 71 minutes towards BG – a decrease by 32 minutes) and RO-HU (144 minutes towards HU – doubled from last week). The average waiting time at the BG-EL border was 63 minutes towards EL (an increase by 25 minutes vis-à-vis last week) and 78 minutes towards BG – similar level as last week).

CONGESTIONS AT EXTERNAL EU BORDERS

The average border crossing time was 240 minutes from PL to Belarus. The average waiting time at EU-CH border crossing points towards CH was 47 minutes. These waiting times are not directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

EU-WESTERN BALKANS²

Average waiting times have improved throughout the region. After past weeks' record highs, waiting times were relatively low in Horgoš/Röszke in the SRB→HU direction, and the overall situation has also improved in Batrovci/Bajakovo in direction to HR.



CONGESTION AT WESTERN BALKANS INTERNAL BORDERS²

Traffic remained stable.

¹ Source: GSA Green Lane application. Galileogreenlane.eu
² Source: Transport Community Permanent Secretariat (TCT)