



# Coronavirus Covid-19:

Latest health developments and EU's  
response

# Presentation

- EU Health Security Framework & EU Joint Actions
- Cross sectoral response & EU Agencies
- Emergency Support Instrument
- EU Vaccine strategy
- Joint Procurements
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# EU health security framework – Decision 1082/2013/EU

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- The Early Warning and Response System: information exchange between the Commission and Member States, EEA countries, UK\*, and neighboring countries (CH, RS, etc.) with limited access to COVID-19 related notifications only
- Health Security Committee
  - Health Security Committee's Communicators' network.
- Joint actions:
  - Joint Action “Healthy Gateways”
  - SHARP (strengthened international health regulations and preparedness in the EU)
- IPCR & ISAA reports

# EU Coronavirus comprehensive response

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



# EU agencies

- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
  - Daily epidemiologic up-dates
  - Guidance to governments, health professionals and the public
  - Mission to Member States (e.g. Italy)
- European Medicines Agency (EMA)
  - supports the development and approval of vaccines and treatments for novel coronavirus
- European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA)
  - Provided advice for airlines and their crews

# Emergency Support Instrument

- 10 million KN95 BG26262006 masks purchased & delivered to countries
- Veklury (Remdesivir) – 30,000 treatment courses purchased and being delivered to MSs
- Mobility package (cross-border: cargo, patients and healthcare personnel)
- ICU training
- Testing

# EU Vaccine Strategy

- Objectives:
  - Ensuring the quality, safety and efficacy of vaccines.
  - Securing swift access to vaccines for Member States and their populations while leading the global solidarity effort.
  - Ensuring equitable access to an affordable vaccine as early as possible
- Two pillars
  - Securing production of vaccines in the EU and sufficient supplies for its Member States through Advance Purchase Agreements with vaccine producers via the ESI.
  - accelerate the development, authorisation and availability of vaccines while maintaining the standards for vaccine quality, safety and efficacy.

→ AZ contract on 27/08



# Joint Procurements<sup>649530</sup>

- Ongoing: PPE, Laboratory supplies, Ventilators
- Upcoming: essential ICU medicines & Veklury
- rescEU – Medical stockpiling

# Current COVID-19 situation in EU & preparedness and response

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- COVID-19 transmission is rising in the EU again
- Commission Communication: Short-term EU health preparedness for COVID-19 outbreaks
  - Testing, contact tracing and public health surveillance
  - Medical countermeasures: smooth functioning of the single market and access to personal protective equipment, medicines and medical devices
  - Healthcare surge capacity
  - Non-pharmaceutical countermeasures
  - Support to vulnerable groups
  - Reducing the burden of seasonal influenza

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## Looking forward

- State of Union VDL -16/09/2020
  - EU BARDA
  - Health competences
  - ECDC & EMA
- Lessons learned
  - EU Health security framework
  - ECDC & EMA

