



push to reinforce preparedness and response in Europe and it will focus on 5 domains:

- 1) **New variants of COVID in communities/population.** – EC will propose to strengthen information on **sequencing** in Member States. EC will support data platforms for open research data sharing. Focus is research, but additionally EC aims to support pharmaceutical sequencing. DK and FIN are towards 30% of sequencing, but some Member States won't even reach 1%. Through this proposal and the ECDC mechanism the EC is encouraging Member States to carry out additional sequencing, aiming to reach a 5% target for all Member States.
- 2) **Deploy quickly PCR tests** in Member States – EC will propose joint procurement
- 3) **Need for a clinical trial network** focusing on the adaptation to variants of the virus. EMA will pursue engagements in these networks.
- 4) **Advance purchase agreements for the next generation of vaccines.** – EC wants to set up a dialogue with MS about which vaccines are needed. EC will propose to mobilize funds for advance generation purchase agreements.
- 5) **Proposal for a regulatory framework of new vaccine alterations.** – EC will launch research projects in the field of pediatrics clinical trials, an area where more information is needed. Further focus on researching vulnerable groups and taking into account specific aspects, f.e. ethnical aspects.

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