

Summary - Commission updates (7 January 2021)

▪ **Union Civil Protection Mechanism (UCPM):**

As of 6 January, 59 requests have been received for in-kind assistance through the UCPM for personal protective or medical equipment, diagnostic tests, medicines and medical teams (including from 10 EU Member States (with the Netherlands activating twice), 3 UCPM Participating States, 40 third countries (the Kyrgyz Republic and Belarus activating twice) and 2 International Organisations). The latest request comes from Sudan. 41 requests have since been closed. 31 requests have been partially or fully met by Member and Participating States or from the rescEU medical stockpile.

rescEU : On 15 December: 400 000 FFP2 masks, 100,000 FFP3 masks, 260 000 Vinyl and 280,000 Latex gloves, 48,850 overalls (28 850 medium protection and 20 000 high protection overalls), 48,850 shoe covers for overalls and 5,500 protective goggles from rescEU stockpile hosted by Greece was offered to Serbia. On 23 December 107,000 FFP2 masks, 35,000 gowns and 140,000 medium protection overalls were offered to North Macedonia and 78,000 FFP2 masks and 15,000 gowns to Montenegro from the rescEU stockpiles hosted by Greece and Germany. All items have since been delivered.

▪ **Emergency Support Instrument (ESI)**

For the cargo strand of the ESI Mobility Package, the Commission has signed all 48 Grant Agreements, is assessing the final reports that have been received and has started making payments.

The Commission has also signed the Grant Agreements for six applications, three each under the ESI Mobility Package strands for funding for transport of medical personnel and transfer of patients. Through these projects, 283 medical personnel and 34 patients were transported, 26 surviving. Funding for these two strands continues to be available.

DG ECHO has published a Q&A and additional information regarding the ESI Mobility Package on the DG ECHO [website](#).

▪ **Green lanes**

1/CONGESTIONS AT INTERNAL EU BORDERS: The vast majority of continental borders continues to comply with the 15' mandated by the Green Lanes. On RO-BG border there is quite some traffic, but shorter than usual queues.

Eurotunnel: 33,783 tests have been carried out since 21 Dec. Only 102 (0.30%) positive cases. December queues cleared, ~20K lorries crossed the channel before 31 Dec. Since 1 Jan, hauliers have been required to be tested before travelling to Kent and a Kent Access Permit is also required. UK installed 15 test centres within the country for hauliers.

2/CONGESTIONS AT EXTERNAL EU BORDERS: Beginning of the year with lower than usual traffic in all border-crossing points.