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European Health Commissioner Stella Kyriakides is in touch with the Croatian presidency of the Council about organizing an extraordinary meeting of health ministers on a coordinated coronavirus response, she announced today.

"We must not underestimate the situation and we need to mobilize all our tools," Kyriakides told reporters.

The meeting would assess the level of preparedness of EU countries and see whether there are any gaps, she said.

For now, it's not clear whether Croatia will respond to this demand. Prime Minister Andrej Plenković has just replaced Health Minister Milan Kujundžić for being too focused on a property scandal to handle the coronavirus outbreak. Kujundžić's deputy Vili Beroš will take over as health minister.

Kyriakides said that she was aware of the change in ministers and that she had no sense of timing of the meeting.

Italy's Health Minister Roberto Speranza has also called for such a meeting, via an Italian representative in the Commission's Health Security Committee, which met on Monday.

EU countries "reported a strong level of preparedness" at Monday's meeting, Kyriakides said, citing access to laboratories and available guidance for travelers from China, health care professionals and the public. But a readout also noted that gaps remain.

Kyriakides declined to name those gaps when asked by reporters today. But she said the EU's Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) has sent recommendations to national aviation authorities, airlines and airports on how to handle potential infectious cases.

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