



Coordination of travel restrictions from and to the EU

Proposal to amend Council Recommendation 2020/912

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New criteria to be listed in Annex I

- **incidence-rate** up to 25
- **testing rate** above 300
- **test positivity rate** up to 4 %
 - Such criteria match those used internally to qualify as “green” zone
- whether or not **variants of concern** of the virus have been detected
 - Variants of concern = identified as such by the ECDC or by the MS-authorities in a coordinated way.

New provisions

- **strongly discourage** all non-essential travel from the EU+ area to third countries other than those listed to Annex I
- persons wishing to enter the EU+ area for any reason (either essential or non-essential) should be able to **submit a negative PCR test taken at the earliest 72h before departure**
- EU+ citizens and Long-Term-Residents maintain the possibility to be tested on arrival
 - → avoid being stranded abroad

New provisions

- **Possibility to combine** prior testing with self-isolation, quarantine, contact tracing for up to 14 days, as well as further testing on/after arrival
- **Combination with said additional measures is strongly encouraged** (=MS should impose) for travellers arriving from a third country where a **variant of concern has been detected**

Exceptions for essential travellers

- Member States may decide, **in a coordinated way**, to waive some or all of the above measures in those cases where such measure would impede the very purpose of the travel (e.g. transport and frontier workers)
- For **transport and frontier workers**, **no more than a negative Rapid Antigen Tests** on arrival to enter into the EU+ area
- **Aircrews should be exempted from any testing** if their stay in a third country was less than 12 hours
 - **Unless arriving from a third country where a variant of concern has been detected**, in which case they should undergo proportionate testing

Passenger Locator Form

- Member States should require persons entering the EU+ to submit a Passenger Locator Form (PLF) in accordance with applicable data protection requirements
- A common European Passenger Locator Form is being developed and its use is encouraged

Thank you

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