



# THE EU INTEGRATED POLITICAL CRISIS RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

## IPCR Working-level Roundtable Agenda Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19)

**Date: Monday, 8 February 2021, Time: 10:00 CET, Location: EB S5**

**Meeting chair:** 5.1.2e

**Special guests:** The meeting will be held in extended format, with representatives from ECDC. Representatives from all Member States are invited. 5.1.2a are also invited.

**Format:** 1+1

### Areas of focus:

#### 1. SITUATION AND OUTLOOK

- a) Update from ECDC on the current epidemiological situation and on the risk related to the spread of new SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in the EU/EEA.
- b) Update from the Commission on recent developments.

#### 2. KEY BOTTLENECKS AND URGENT ACTIONS NEEDED

- a) Debrief on discussions in the Health Security Committee of 2 February 2021.
- b) Discussion on the operationalisation of the *Council Recommendation on a common framework for the use and validation of rapid antigen tests and the mutual recognition of COVID-19 test results in the EU*.
- c) Discussion on a common approach on a standardized and inter-operable form of proof of vaccination for medical purposes.
- d) Discussion on a potential EU medical certificate to attest the full recovery of confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- e) Debrief on discussions in the Working Party on Information on communication regarding Covid-19 vaccination and the report "Communication regarding Covid-19 vaccination - options for further coordination".

- f) Coordinated approach towards lifting restrictions at external borders following the amended *Council Recommendation 2020/912 on the temporary restriction on non-essential travel into the EU and the possible lifting of such restriction*. Assessment of the available data and discussion on the possible review of Annex I.

### 3. OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

