



THE EU INTEGRATED POLITICAL CRISIS RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

IPCR High-level Roundtable

Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19)

Date: Tuesday 31 March 2020, 1000-1200 CET (EB S5)

Meeting chair: Ambassador 5.1.2e Croatian Presidency

Special guests: The meeting will be held under an extended format, with representatives from ECDC. Permanent Representatives from all Member States are invited. Norway and Switzerland are also invited.

Format: Ambassador +1

Areas of focus:

1. SITUATION

- Short update on situation

2. KEY BOTTLENECKS AND URGENT ACTIONS NEEDED

- Provision of medical equipment
 - progress to supply medical equipment, in particular through joint procurement and rescEU, or manufacturing via converted production lines. Volumes and expected delivery dates.
 - risk of shortage of medicines as a result of COVID-19 outbreak.
- Helping citizens stranded in third countries
 - Repatriation of EU citizens, focusing on coordination efforts, critical shortcomings hampering the response, and proposed modalities on co-financing under UCPM.
 - Onward transit within the EU, focusing on points where there are significant blockages.
- Preserving the functioning of the Single Market
 - Progress on the establishment of Green Lanes and wider compliance with Commission guidelines on border management
 - The situation at the EU's external borders
 - Impact of reduction in air cargo on supply chain, in particular on critical supplies. Measures to mitigate any shortfalls.

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3. OPERATIONAL CONCLUSIONS AND NEXT STEPS

- Tracking of COVID-19 response actions
- Next meetings

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