



# Round Table Report

## 12 March 2021

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This report summarizes the ECDC daily roundtable discussion and provides update on threats detected and monitored by Epidemic Intelligence.

### Active threat

#### COVID-19 associated with SARS-CoV-2 – multi-country (world) – 2019-2021

**Update:** Since the previous RT report published on 11 March 2021 and as of 12 March 2021, 142 838 new cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) and 2 259 new deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA.

New cases have been reported from EU/EEA. The five countries reporting most new cases are: France (27 166), Italy (25 649), Poland (21 111), Germany (12 834) and Czechia (11 274).

New deaths have been reported from EU/EEA. The five countries reporting most new deaths are: Poland (376), Italy (373), France (265), Germany (252) and Czechia (241).

**Summary:** Since 31 December 2019 and as of 12 March 2021, 23 730 991 cases of COVID-19 (in accordance with the applied case definitions and testing strategies in the affected countries) have been reported in the EU/EEA, including 571 564 deaths.

#### EU/EEA cases:

As of 12 March 2021, 23 730 991 cases have been reported in the EU/EEA: France (3 990 331), Spain (3 178 356), Italy (3 149 017), Germany (2 545 781), Poland (1 849 424), Czechia (1 376 998), Netherlands (1 137 355), Romania (845 352), Portugal (812 575), Belgium (798 014), Sweden (707 192), Hungary (498 183), Austria (481 673), Slovakia (331 571), Bulgaria (272 700), Croatia (248 838), Ireland (225 179), Denmark (218 660), Greece (214 661), Lithuania (204 356), Slovenia (198 234), Latvia (92 274), Estonia (82 286), Norway (77 168), Finland (64 609), Luxembourg (57 321), Cyprus (38 496), Malta (25 640), Iceland (6 070) and Liechtenstein (2 677).

#### EU/EEA deaths:

As of 12 March 2021, 571 564 deaths have been reported in the EU/EEA: Italy (101 184), France (89 856), Germany (73 062), Spain (72 085), Poland (46 373), Czechia (22 865), Belgium (22 370), Romania (21 252), Portugal (16 635), Hungary (16 627), Netherlands (15 979), Sweden (13 111), Bulgaria (11 094), Austria (8 612), Slovakia (8 244), Greece (6 937), Croatia (5 635), Ireland (4 509), Slovenia (4 197), Lithuania (3 373), Denmark (2 384), Latvia (1 737), Finland (783), Estonia (686), Luxembourg (675), Norway (639), Malta (341), Cyprus (236), Liechtenstein (54) and Iceland (29).

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**EU:**

As of 12 March 2021, 23 645 076 cases and 570 842 deaths have been reported in the EU.

**Other News:**

[Denmark](#), [Norway](#) and [Iceland](#) have suspended all use of the AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine and [Austria](#), [Estonia](#), [Latvia](#), [Lithuania](#) and [Luxembourg](#) have suspended the use of a specific batch of the vaccine (ABV5300), while [Italy](#) has suspended the use of a different batch (ABV2856). These come as precautionary measures following thromboembolic events in people who received the vaccine. As of 10 March 2021, 30 cases of thromboembolic events had been [reported](#) among close to 5 million people vaccinated with AstraZeneca's COVID-19 vaccine in the European Economic Area, including one death in [Austria](#) and one death in [Denmark](#). The Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC) of the European Medicines Agency (EMA) is carrying out [investigations](#) and has stated that "there is currently no indication that vaccination has caused these conditions". EMA will communicate further as the assessment progresses.

On 11 March 2021, [EMA](#) recommended granting a conditional marketing authorisation for Janssen's COVID-19 vaccine for people 18 years and older. The clinical trial involved people in Latin America, South Africa and the United States and found the vaccine had a 67% efficacy.

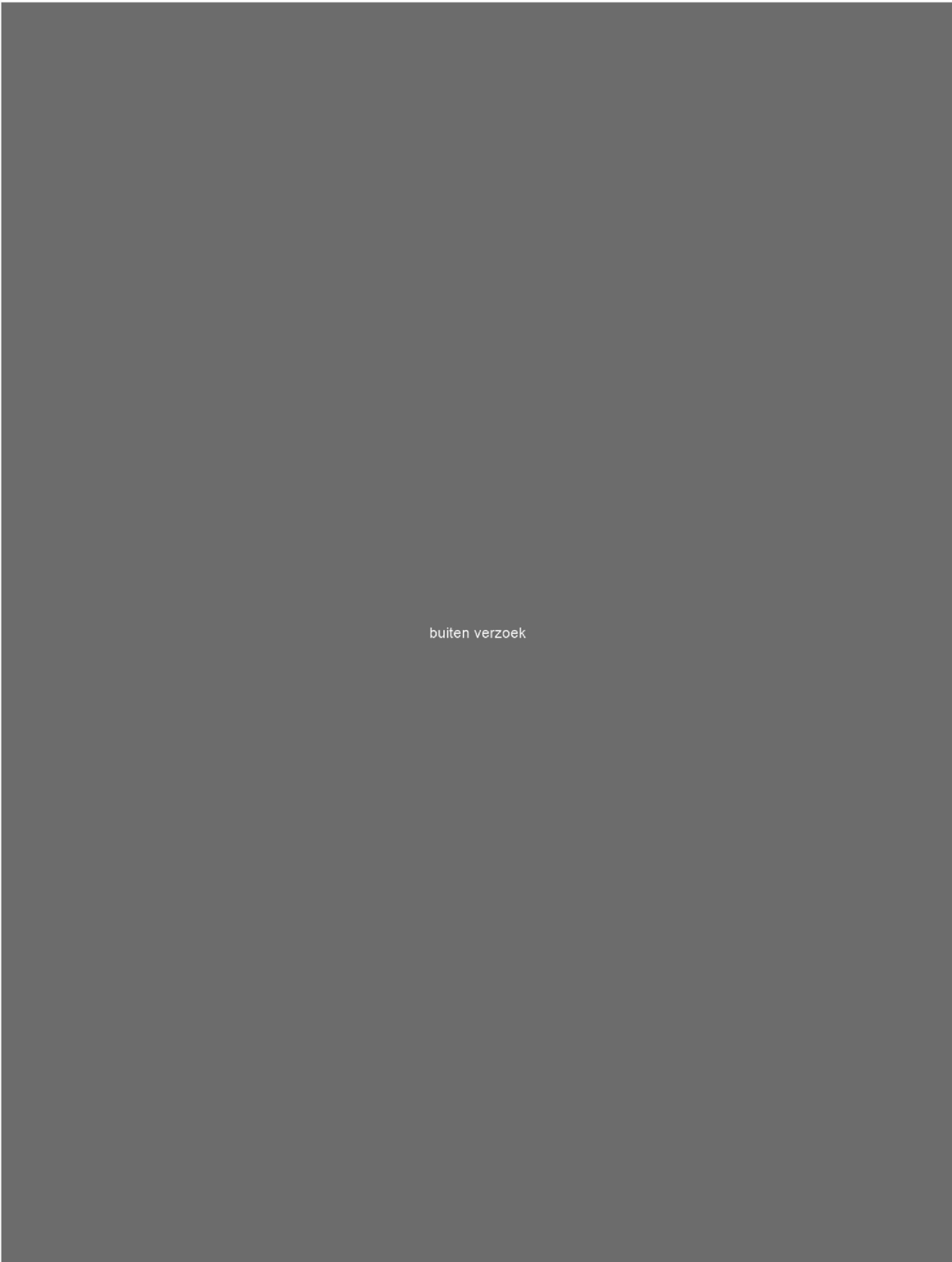
**Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC):**

On 30 January 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the outbreak of COVID-19 constitutes a PHEIC. On 11 March 2020, the Director-General of the [WHO](#) declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic. The [third](#), [fourth](#), [fifth](#) and [sixth](#) International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee meeting for COVID-19 were held in Geneva on 30 April 2020, 31 July 2020, 29 October 2020, and 14 January 2021, respectively. The committee concluded during these meetings that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to constitute a PHEIC.

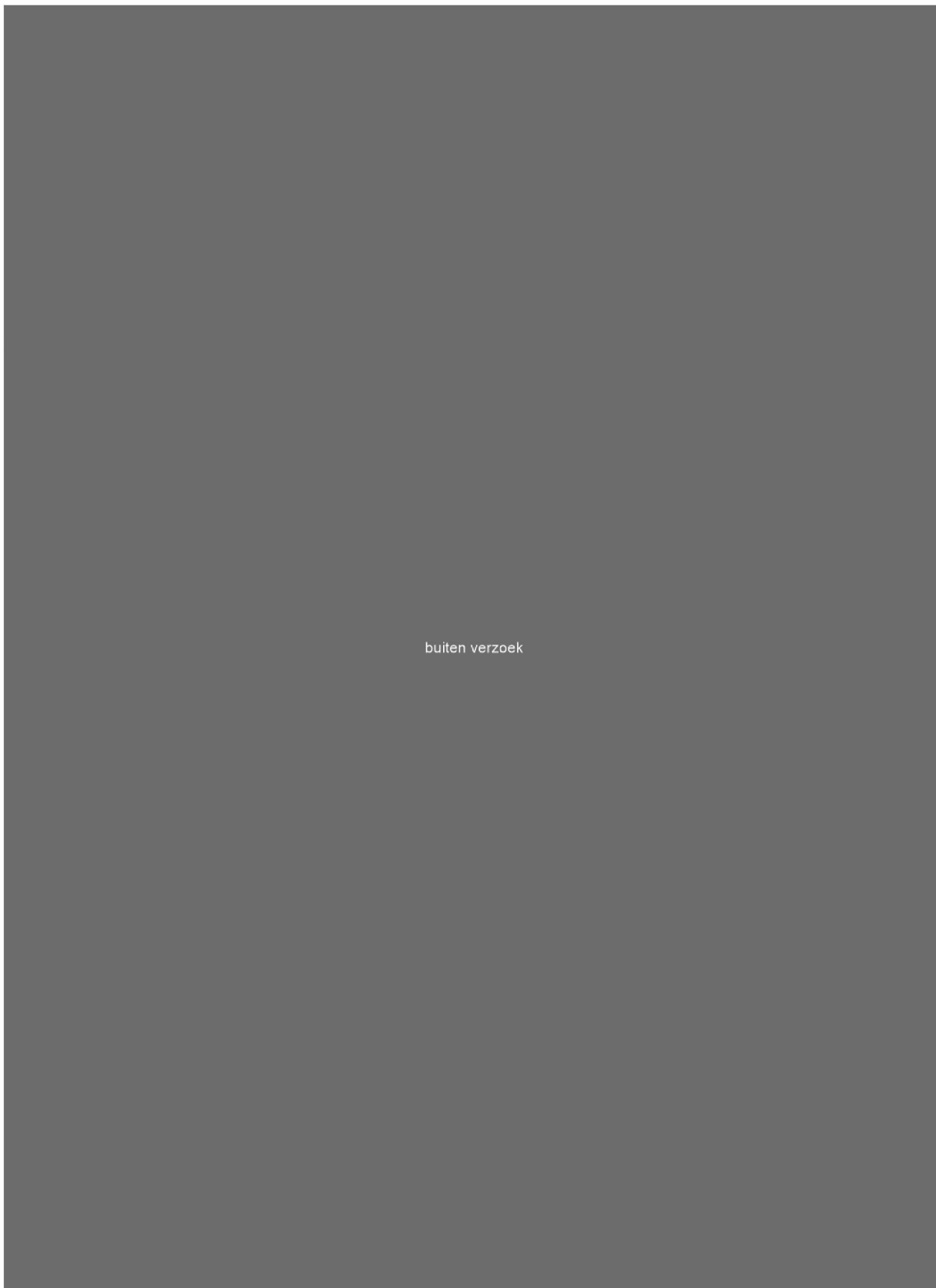
**Assessment:** For the last available risk assessment, please visit [ECDC's dedicated webpage](#).

**Actions:** ECDC has published the 14th update of its [rapid risk assessment](#). A [dashboard](#) with the latest updates is available on ECDC's website. ECDC's [rapid risk assessment](#) on the risk related to the spread of new SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern in the EU/EEA was published on 29 December 2020, and a [first update](#) published on 21 January 2021.

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## Expert deployment

One EPIET fellow has been deployed in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, until 21 March 2021 to work with GOARN on the Go.Data implementation to strengthen the COVID-19 surveillance and response.

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Emerging and Vector-borne Diseases: -

Food and Water-borne Diseases: -

Influenza: -

Microbiology Coordination: -