



AGENDA

**To the Ministers of Health of the
European Union**
via e-mail

Lisbon, 22 February 2021

Dear Colleagues,

I would first like to thank you for your quick reply to my invitation for an **Informal VTC Meeting between Health Ministers**. I am sure we will have an extremely productive meeting.

In that regard, I would like to suggest for our discussion to be focused on the following three topics:

- 1. Exchange of views on impact caused upon Member-States by the emergence of new variants of the SARS-CoV-2 virus;*
- 2. Discussion on how to improve national testing strategies, namely considering the distinct contexts in which different types of tests are administered by Member-States;*
- 3. Exchange of views regarding the need for information sharing concerning national vaccination roll-out plans.*

I believe these three topics will enable us to better identify any issues which may be of relevance to our collective response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as any recurring problems that Member-States may be experiencing during these first months of the vaccination campaigns.

Further technical details and some additional information on the structure of the meeting can be found in Annex I and II to this Agenda.

I am again very much looking forward to our discussion on 1 March 2021.

Yours truly,

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