

***IPCR Working-level Roundtable
Coronavirus Outbreak (COVID-19)***

Updates from the Commission

UNION CIVIL PROTECTION MECHANISM (UCPM)

Requests and offers of assistance

As of 5 March, there are **17** active requests related to Covid-19: two requests from Member States (Slovakia, the Netherlands) three from Participating States (Serbia, North Macedonia and Montenegro) and **12** from third countries (Armenia, Belarus, Bolivia, Brazil, Ecuador, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Moldova, Mongolia, Sudan, Ukraine).

New or updated requests are outlined below.

- **Slovakia:** On 5 March, **Slovakia** requested 15,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines, on the same day France offered the requested quantity of vaccines and the offer has been accepted. On 1 March, **Belgium** offered a medical team of one medical doctor, one nurse and a team leader to Slovakia, the offer is pending on acceptance. On 27 February, **Slovakia** requested assistance via ESI for the transfer of ten COVID-19 patients. On the same date, **Germany** made an offer (using EWRS) for hospitalising ten patients from Slovakia.
- **Czech Republic:** On 5 March, the **Czech Republic** requested 15,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines, on the same day France offered the requested quantity of vaccines and the offer has been accepted.
- **North Macedonia:** On 3 March, **North Macedonia** updated their request for assistance to include PPEs, medical equipment, lighting equipment, vehicles, shelter, decontamination equipment, food and hygiene packages, COVID-19 testing kits as well as 3,000 vaccines for the Red Cross staff and volunteers.
- **Bolivia:** On 2 March, **Spain** offered PPEs to Bolivia. The offer was accepted on 4 March. Estimated time of arrival of the four shipments from Spain to Bolivia is 7, 9, 14 and 16 of March.
- **Moldova:** On 26 February, **Romania** has offered 21,600 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to Moldova, the assistance was delivered on 27 February.
- **Lebanon:** On 11 February, **Spain** offered 56 oxygen concentrators to Lebanon, the assistance was delivered on 27 February.
- **Caribbean:** On 5 February, **the Netherlands** offered PPEs to Sint Maarten, sent by ship, the delivery of assistance is to be confirmed.
- **Serbia:** on 22 January, **Germany** offered hand disinfectant and surface disinfectant to Serbia, three of the four trucks arrived to Serbia on 4 March, the last one is expected to arrive on 5 March.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT INSTRUMENT (ESI) MOBILITY PACKAGE

The Commission is continuing to process final payments for the 48 cargo actions and six grants for patients and medical personnel agreed under the ESI Mobility Package.

Funding for transport of patients and medical personnel continues to be available; the Commission is in discussion with several MS and expects to receive new requests in the near future

On 20 February, Slovakia accepted an offer through the UCPM from Romania of a team of 5 ICU doctors, 8 ICU nurses and 2 Civil Protection authority representatives. On 26 February, Romania applied for ESI Mobility Package funding for this action. The application is now being reviewed.

Overview on Member State's follow-up on temporary restriction on non-essential travel lifted for Countries listed in Annex I of Council Rec. 2020/912

	AUS	NZL	RWA	SGP	KOR	THA	CHN	HKG	MAC
AT									
BE							*	*	*
BG									
HR							*	*	*
CY					+	+	+	+	+
CZ									
DK									
EE					x		*	*	*
FI							*	*	*
FR									
DE							*	*	*
EL	x/+	x/+	x/+	x/+	x/+	x/+			
HU									
IS	x	x	x	x	x	x			
IE ¹	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
IT	x	x	x		x	x			
LV	+	+	+	+	+	+	*	*	*
LI							*		
LT	x/+	x/+	x/+	x/+	x/+	x/+	x/+	x/+	x/+
LU	+	+	+	+	+	+	*/+	*/+	*/+
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NL									
NO									
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PT	+/*	+/*	+/*	+/*	+/*	+/*	+/*	+/*	+/*
RO									
SK									
SI									
ES							*	*	*
SE							*		
CH							*	*	*

Green: Temporary restriction on non-essential travel lifted (Annex I of Council Recommendation)
Red: Temporary restriction on non-essential travel not lifted (Annex I of Council Recommendation)

X = Need to self-isolate (duration can vary depending on national rules) on arrival
 += Need to have negative PCR test prior departure
 * = Subject to reciprocity

¹ Ireland does not participate in Council Recommendation (EU) 2020/912

Overview on Member State's follow-up on temporary restriction on non-essential travel lifted for Countries NOT listed in Annex I of Council Rec. 2020/912

AT	CAN	URY	JPN						
BE									
G	ALB	BIH	BLR	CAN	GEO	ISR	KWT	MDA	MKD
	MNE	SRB	TUN	TUR	UAE	UKR	URY	XXK	JPN
HR	URY	JPN							
CY									
CZ									
DK	URY	JPN							
EE	UK +/X	JPN							
FI									
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DE									
EL	UAE +/x	RUS +/x	ISR +/x	UK +/x					
HU									
IS	JPN								
IE ²	JPN								
IT	CAN X	GEO X	TUN X	URY X	JPN				
LV									
LI	CAN	GEO	TUN	URY	JPN				
LT	URY x/-								
LU									
MT	CAN	TUN +	TWN	URY	UAE	JPN			
NL	CAN	GEO	TUN	URY	JPN				
NO									
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PT									
RO	JPN								
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CH									

Orange: Temporary restriction on non-essential travel lifted (but not listed in Annex I of Council Recommendation)

X = Need to self-isolate (duration can vary depending on national rules) on arrival
+ = Need to have negative PCR test prior departure

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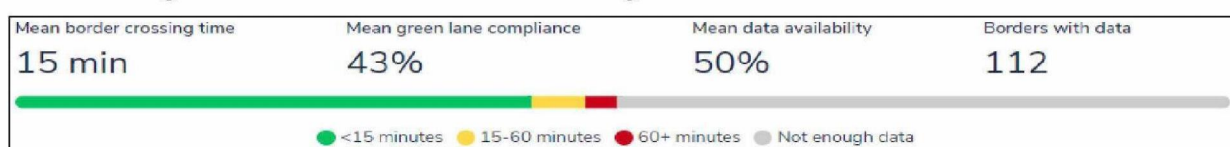
Green Lanes – Border monitoring and developments in freight transport¹

Weekly overview – 25 February - 03 March 2021

Malta has been put on the list of high-incidence regions by Germany, in force from 28 February. This means that transport workers who have been to Malta in the previous 10 days need to fill in a PLF but no testing needed if the stay in Germany is less than 72 hours. Serious chance that **Hungary** and **Sweden** will follow. As from 27 February, **Latvia** does not anymore require negative test from transport workers. As from 1 March, **Greece** tests transport workers entering from Bulgaria, North Macedonia and Albania. **Ireland** reported 12 positive cases out of 5,500 tests (0.22% positivity). **Czechia** has carried out over 22.5K tests (0.15% positivity).

CONGESTIONS AT INTERNAL EU BORDERS

The traffic situation remains stable at most Schengen borders with either no waiting times or waiting times which meet the objective of the Green Lanes communication of maximum 15 minutes. This week, the average border crossing time returned to the 15-mins threshold again.



In Czechia, the BCPs work with no major traffic jam due to the normalisation of the pressure on the testing points and the lessons-learned about organisation of the testings. In Italy, on Brenner pass there have been days of traffic accumulation with re-percussion at the AT-DE border Kufstein-Kiefersfelden.

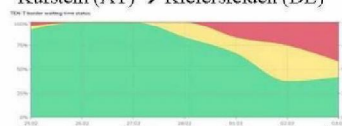
Major bottlenecks continue to be at RO-BG and RO-HU borders and in Kulata-Promachonas (BG-GR) as well as Klokočevac-Cerina and Gornji Macelj (both HR→SI).

The new Greek measure resulted in long waiting times at Kulata-Promachoras (BG→GR) due to the suboptimal level of testing facilities.

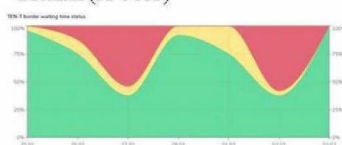
CONGESTIONS AT EXTERNAL EU BORDERS

Eurotunnel is stable, no disruption reported. FR now accepts RATs administered in IE and no longer demands mandatory testing in the UK in this case. 1-2 hours waiting time at Polish-Belarus and Polish-Ukrainian borders out-bound. Average waiting times at border crossing points EU → CH is ~60'. Parallel to the testing, GR shortened the opening hours of the NM and AL border crossing points and limited the number of people who can enter its territory a day. These limitations together with the inadequate level of testing facilities (industry reports that there is only one personnel doing the tests) created a serious bottleneck. Industry reported that there is a chance for blockades of roads by trucks if situation does not change.

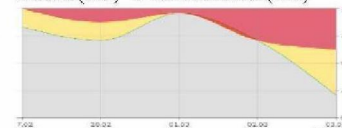
Kufstein (AT) → Kiefersfelden (DE)



Brenner (IT→AT)

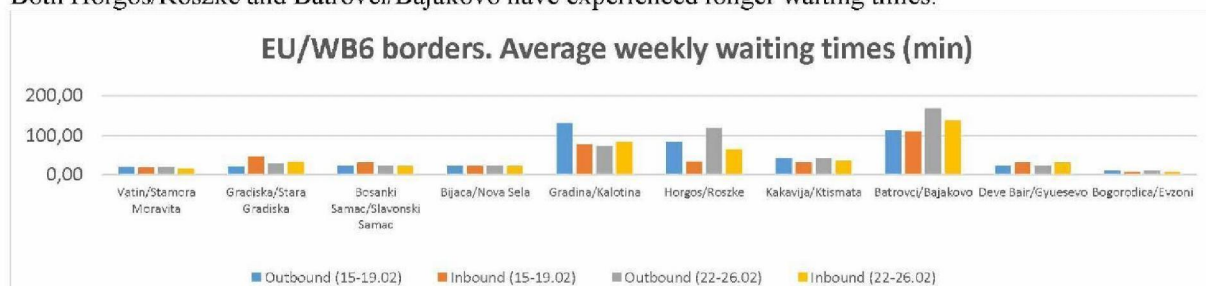


Kulata (BG) → Promachonas (GR)



EU-WESTERN BALKANS²

Both Horgos/Roszke and Batrovci/Bajakovo have experienced longer waiting times.



CONGESTION AT WESTERN BALKANS INTERNAL BORDERS²

Traffic remained stable.

¹ Source: GSA Green Lane application. Galileogreenlane.eu

² Source: Transport Community Permanent Secretariat