Cross Border Taskforce Corona Belgium – Netherlands – North Rhine-Westphalia – Lower Saxony – RhinelandPalatinate

36th Meeting, 16th July 2020, 2.30 - 2.45 pm (conference call)

Minutes

Participants as listed in the attachment

(1) Opening

5.1.2e opens the meeting.

(2) Situation reports

Belgium, the Netherlands, Lower Saxony, Rhineland-Palatinate and North Rhine-Westphalia deliver reports as summarised in the attached document.

(3) Matters of common interest

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- BE requests asks for a detailed account of measures taken in RP and NRW when the number of infections in Luxembourg rose above the risk level 'orange'. This overview is attached to the minutes (including update as of 18th July).
- NL informs that when Dutch Covid-19 patients were treated in German hospitals it had occurred on the understanding that the Netherlands will cover the treatment costs. Now the German Federal Ministry of Health offered to bear those costs and the Dutch Health Minister de Jonge has thankfully accepted the offer. The gratitude of the Netherlands for this good cooperation was expressed in a letter to Minister Jens Spahn and is also repeated here.
- LS and RP have no further topics for discussion.
- 5.1.2e provides an update on measures to remove certain restrictions. At private events (like weddings and funerals) up to 150 persons may participate, and at cultural events up to 300 people may gather without a special hygiene concept. Such concept is only required if more persons participate. Contact sports may be performed indoors with up to 30 persons, and up to 300 spectators. Rules on social distancing and face masks are still valid.

Next meeting: 23rd July 2020, 2.30 pm