COVID-19

The European Union is responding to the outbreak of COVID-19 and its consequences by adopting a wide range of measures in many areas (health, economy, research, border, mobility, etc.).

Below, you will find a non-exhaustive list of documents related to the common EU response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These are documents that have been published here on EUR-Lex.

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List of key documents

Public health (Click here for all documents)

- Council Regulation (EU) 2020/521 of 14 April 2020 activating the emergency support under Regulation (EU) 2016/369, and amending its provisions taking into account the COVID-19 outbreak
- Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/518 of 8 April 2020 on a common Union toolbox for the use of technology and data to combat and exit from the COVID-19 crisis, in particular concerning mobile applications and the use of anonymised mobility data
- Communication from the Commission EU Guidance for the progressive resumption of tourism services and for health protocols in hospitality establishments – COVID-19 2020/C 169/01
- Communication from the Commission Guidance on Apps supporting the fight against COVID 19 pandemic in relation to data protection 2020/C 124 I/01
in consequence of:
- **Combating serious cross-border threats to health**
- **Healthcare in other EU countries — patients' rights**
- **Ensuring medical devices are safe for patients**

in consequence of:
- **Communication from the Commission Guidelines on EU Emergency Assistance on Cross-Border Cooperation in Healthcare related to the COVID-19 crisis 2020/C 111 I/01.**
- **Combating serious cross-border threats to health**

in consequence of:
- **COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON COVID-19 2020/C 57/04**

**Agriculture (Click here for all documents)**

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/531 of 16 April 2020 derogating in respect of the year 2020 from the third subparagraph of Article 75(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1306/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the level of advance payments for direct payments and area-related and animal-related rural development measures and from the first subparagraph of Article 75(2) of that Regulation as regards direct payments
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/501 of 6 April 2020 derogating from Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014 as regards the final date of submission of the single application, aid applications or payment claims, the final date for notification of amendments to the single application or payment claim and the final date for applications for allocation of payment entitlements or the increase of the value of payment entitlements under the basic payment scheme for the year 2020
Enforcing EU rules for the agri-food chain

in consequence of:

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 of 30 March 2020 on temporary measures to contain risks to human, animal and plant health and animal welfare during certain serious disruptions of Member States’ control systems due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19) (Text with EEA relevance)

Budget (Click here for all documents)

- Definitive adoption (EU, Euratom) 2020/537 of Amending budget No 2 of the European Union for the financial year 2020
- Decision (EU) 2020/547 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2020 on the mobilisation of the Contingency Margin in 2020 to provide emergency assistance to Member States and further reinforce the Union Civil Protection Mechanism/rescEU in response to the COVID-19 outbreak
- Decision (EU) 2020/545 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2020 on the mobilisation of the Flexibility Instrument to finance immediate budgetary measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak and a reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutor’s Office

Competition (Click here for all documents)

- Communication from the Commission Amendment to the Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak 2020/C 112 I/01
- Communication from the Commission amending the Annex to the Communication from the Commission to the Member States on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to short-term export-credit insurance 2020/C 101 I/01
- Communication from the Commission Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak 2020/C 91 I/01
- De minimis rule — exemption of small aid amounts from notification

in consequence of:
- Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/648 of 13 May 2020 on vouchers offered to passengers and travellers as an alternative to reimbursement for cancelled package travel and transport services in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Exemption for vertical supply and distribution agreements,

- Ensuring technology transfer agreements respect competition rules,

in consequence of:


- De minimis rule — exemption of small aid amounts from notification,

- State aid procedural rules,

- State aid: European Union financial crisis rules for banks,

- State aid for businesses in difficulty,

in consequence of:

- Communication from the Commission Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak 2020/C 91 I/01.

Consumers (Click here for all documents)

- Council conclusions on media literacy in an ever-changing world 2020/C 193/06

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 of 30 March 2020 on temporary measures to contain risks to human, animal and plant health and animal welfare during certain serious disruptions of Member States’ control systems due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19)


- Commission Notice Interpretative Guidelines on EU passenger rights regulations in the context of the developing situation with Covid-19 2020/C 89 I/01

- Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/648 of 13 May 2020 on vouchers offered to passengers and travellers as an alternative to reimbursement for cancelled package travel and transport services in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic

in consequence of:

- Package travel — consumer rights (from 2018)

- Rights of passengers travelling by sea and inland waterways,

- Rail passenger rights,

- Bus and coach passengers’ rights,

- EU air passenger rights in case of denied boarding, a delayed flight or a cancelled flight,
in consequence of:


Customs (Click here for all documents)

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/633 of 8 May 2020 laying down temporary measures for the acceptance of electronic copies of original official documents for applications for import tariff quotas for agricultural products managed by a system of import licences and for applications for import licences on husked Basmati rice, due to the pandemic of COVID-19
- Communication from the Commission on the implementation of the Green Lanes under the Guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services 2020/C 96 I/01
- Covid-19 Guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services 2020/C 86 I/01

Digital Single Market (Click here for all documents)

- Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/518 of 8 April 2020 on a common Union toolbox for the use of technology and data to combat and exit from the COVID-19 crisis, in particular concerning mobile applications and the use of anonymised mobility data
- Protection of personal data (from 2018),
- Data protection in the electronic communications sector,

in consequence of:

- Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/518 of 8 April 2020 on a common Union toolbox for the use of technology and data to combat and exit from the COVID-19 crisis, in particular concerning mobile applications and the use of anonymised mobility data.

Economic and monetary affairs (Click here for all documents)


- Addressing troubled financial institutions’ problems,
- Failing banks and investment firms: rules and procedures,

in consequence of:

- Communication from the Commission Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak 2020/C 91 I/01.

- European Central Bank’s role in supervising banks

in consequence of:


- Screening framework for foreign direct investments

in consequence of:

- Communication from the Commission Guidance to the Member States concerning foreign direct investment and free movement of capital from third countries, and the protection of Europe’s strategic assets, ahead of the application of Regulation (EU) 2019/452 (FDI Screening Regulation) 2020/C 99 I/01,

- Communication from the Commission Guidance note to Member States related to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/402 making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorisation, as last amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/426 2020/C 91 I/02.

- Single Supervisory Mechanism Framework regulation,

in consequence of:


Employment and social policy (Click here for all documents)

- Council Regulation (EU) 2020/672 of 19 May 2020 on the establishment of a European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE) following the COVID-19 outbreak


- Conclusions of the Council and of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States meeting within the Council on raising opportunities for young people in rural and remote areas 2020/C 193/03

- Opinion of the European Central Bank of 8 May 2020 on a proposal for a regulation on the establishment of a European instrument for temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE) following the COVID-19 outbreak (CON/2020/14)

- Coordination of social security systems,

- Social security system — Cooperation between EU countries,

in consequence of:
Communication from the Commission Towards a phased and coordinated approach for restoring freedom of movement and lifting internal border controls — COVID-19 2020/C 169/03.

- Health and safety at work — general rules

in consequence of:
Communication from the Commission Guidelines on protection of health, repatriation and travel arrangements for seafarers, passengers and other persons on board ships 2020/C 119/01.

- Coordination of social security systems,

in consequence of:

- Rules on crossing EU borders,

- EU freedom of movement and residence,

- Free movement of workers,

in consequence of:
Communication from the Commission Guidelines concerning the exercise of the free movement of workers during COVID-19 outbreak 2020/C 102 I/03.

Enterprise (Click here for all documents)

External relations (Click here for all documents)

- Regulation (EU) 2020/461 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2020 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 in order to provide financial assistance to Member States and to countries negotiating their accession to the Union that are seriously affected by a major public health emergency

External trade (Click here for all documents)

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/568 of 23 April 2020 making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorisation
- Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/518 of 8 April 2020 on a common Union toolbox for the use of technology and data to combat and exit from the COVID-19 crisis, in particular concerning mobile applications and the use of anonymised mobility data
- Communication from the Commission Guidelines on protection of health, repatriation and travel arrangements for seafarers, passengers and other persons on board ships 2020/C 119/01
- Communication from the Commission Guidance note to Member States related to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/402 making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorisation, as last amended by Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/426 2020/C 91 l/02
- Common EU rules for exports

in consequence of:

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/402 of 14 March 2020 making the exportation of certain products subject to the production of an export authorisation.

- Anti-dumping measures
- Anti-subsidy measures

in consequence of:

- On the consequences of the COVID-19 outbreak on anti-dumping and anti-subsidy investigations.

Food safety (Click here for all documents)
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 of 30 March 2020 on temporary measures to contain risks to human, animal and plant health and animal welfare during certain serious disruptions of Member States’ control systems due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19)

- Enforcing EU rules for the agri-food chain
- Intra-EU trade in bovine animals and swine
- Intra-EU trade in and imports of bovine embryos
- Health requirements for the import and trade of animals in the EU
- Aquaculture animals and products – health rules
- Health rules for movement and trade of horses
- Intra-EU trade in poultry and hatching eggs

in consequence of:

- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 of 30 March 2020 on temporary measures to contain risks to human, animal and plant health and animal welfare during certain serious disruptions of Member States’ control systems due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19) (Text with EEA relevance)

Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (Click here for all documents)

- Strengthening the EU’s collective capacity to prevent, prepare for and respond to disaster

in consequence of:

- COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON COVID-19 2020/C 57/04

Human rights (Click here for all documents)

- Communication from the Commission COVID-19: Guidance on the implementation of relevant EU provisions in the area of asylum and return procedures and on resettlement 2020/C 126/02
- Communication from the Commission COVID-19 Guidance on the implementation of the temporary restriction on non-essential travel to the EU, on the facilitation of transit arrangements for the repatriation of EU citizens, and on the effects on visa policy 2020/C 102 I/02
- Proposal for a DECISION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Decision (EU) 2020/265 as regards adjustments to the amounts mobilised from
the Flexibility Instrument for 2020 to be used for migration, refugee inflows and security threats, for immediate measures in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak and for reinforcement of the European Public Prosecutor's Office

Internal market (Click here for all documents)

- Joint European Roadmap towards lifting COVID-19 containment measures 2020/C 126/01
- Communication from the Commission Guidelines on the adoption of Union-wide derogations for medical devices in accordance with Article 59 of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 2020/C 171/01
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/466 of 30 March 2020 on temporary measures to contain risks to human, animal and plant health and animal welfare during certain serious disruptions of Member States’ control systems due to coronavirus disease (COVID-19)
- Communication from the Commission Towards a phased and coordinated approach for restoring freedom of movement and lifting internal border controls — COVID-19 2020/C 169 /03
- Ensuring safe personal protective equipment for users

in consequence of:

- Public contracts — setting out clear ground rules

in consequence of:

- Ensuring safe personal protective equipment for users
- Ensuring medical devices are safe for patients,
- Ensuring the safety and performance of medical devices.

in consequence of:

- COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION (EU) 2020/403 of 13 March 2020 on conformity assessment and market surveillance procedures within the context of the COVID-19 threat.

Banking and finance (chapter of Internal market)

- EU market for fishery and aquaculture products,
- De minimis rule — exemption of small aid amounts from notification,
- Addressing troubled financial institutions’ problems,
- State aid procedural rules,
in consequence of:
- Failing banks and investment firms: rules and procedures,
- State aid: European Union financial crisis rules for banks,
- State aid for businesses in difficulty,

in consequence of:
- Communication from the Commission Temporary Framework for State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak 2020/C 91 I/01.

Justice, freedom and security *(Click here for all documents)*
- Communication from the Commission Guidance for a phased and coordinated resumption of visa operations 2020/C 197 I/01
- Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the European Council and the Council on the third assessment of the application of the temporary restriction on non-essential travel to the EU
- Communication from the Commission COVID-19 Guidance on the implementation of the temporary restriction on non-essential travel to the EU, on the facilitation of transit arrangements for the repatriation of EU citizens, and on the effects on visa policy 2020/C 102 I/02
- COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL State of play as regards the situation of non-reciprocity in the area of visa policy
- European Union asylum procedures,
- Living conditions for asylum seekers – EU rules,
- Eurodac: European system for the comparison of fingerprints of asylum applicants,
- EU asylum policy: EU country responsible for examining applications,

in consequence of:
- Communication from the Commission COVID-19: Guidance on the implementation of relevant EU provisions in the area of asylum and return procedures and on resettlement 2020/C 126/02.
- EU freedom of movement and residence

in consequence of:
- Non-EU nationals — rules for long-term residence,
- EU freedom of movement and residence,
- Rules on crossing EU borders,
- A strengthened Schengen Information System,
- Stepping up cross-border cooperation (Prüm Decision),
- European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol),
- Local border traffic at external land borders,
- Visa facilitation,
in consequence of:

- Communication from the Commission COVID-19 Guidance on the implementation of the temporary restriction on non-essential travel to the EU, on the facilitation of transit arrangements for the repatriation of EU citizens, and on the effects on visa policy 2020/C 102 I/02.
- Rules on crossing EU borders,
- EU freedom of movement and residence,
- Free movement of workers,

in consequence of:

- Communication from the Commission Guidelines concerning the exercise of the free movement of workers during COVID-19 outbreak 2020/C 102 I/03.
- EU freedom of movement and residence

in consequence of:

- Covid-19 Guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services,
- Communication from the Commission Temporary Framework State aid measures to support the economy in the current COVID-19 outbreak.

Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (Click here for all documents)


Regional policy (Click here for all documents)

- Regulation (EU) 2020/461 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 March 2020 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 2012/2002 in order to provide financial assistance to Member States and to countries negotiating their accession to the Union that are seriously affected by a major public health emergency
States and in other sectors of their economies in response to the COVID-19 outbreak
(Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative)

Research and Innovation (Click here for all documents)

- COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE
  EUROPEAN COUNCIL, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
  COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS A New Industrial Strategy for
  Europe
- COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE
  COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE
  COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS A Farm to Fork Strategy for a fair, healthy and
  environmentally-friendly food system

Transport (Click here for all documents)

  laying down specific and temporary measures in view of the COVID-19 outbreak concerning
  the renewal or extension of certain certificates, licences and authorisations and the
  postponement of certain periodic checks and periodic training in certain areas of transport
  legislation (Text with EEA relevance)
  amending Regulation (EU) 2017/352, so as to allow the managing body of a port or the
  competent authority to provide flexibility in respect of the levying of port infrastructure
  charges in the context of the COVID-19 outbreak
  amending Regulation (EC) No 1008/2008 on common rules for the operation of air services
  in the Community in view of the COVID-19 pandemic (Text with EEA relevance)
- Commission Notice Interpretative Guidelines on EU passenger rights regulations in the
  context of the developing situation with Covid-19 2020/C 89 I/01
- Communication from the Commission Guidelines on the progressive restoration of
  transport services and connectivity – COVID-19 2020/C 169/02
- COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, THE
  COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE
  COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS Tourism and transport in 2020 and beyond
- EU air passenger rights in case of denied boarding, a delayed flight or a cancelled flight
- Rail passenger rights
- Rights of passengers travelling by sea and inland waterways
- Bus and coach passengers' rights

in consequence of:

- Commission Recommendation (EU) 2020/648 of 13 May 2020 on vouchers offered to
  passengers and travellers as an alternative to reimbursement for cancelled package travel
  and transport services in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic
Medical treatment on board vessels
- Reporting formalities for ships

in consequence of:
- Communication from the Commission Guidelines on protection of health, repatriation and travel arrangements for seafarers, passengers and other persons on board ships 2020/C 119/01
- Rights of passengers travelling by sea and inland waterways,
- Rail passenger rights,
- Bus and coach passengers’ rights,
- EU air passenger rights in case of denied boarding, a delayed flight or a cancelled flight.

in consequence of:

**Related links**

For more information, please visit the relevant web pages of the following European Institutions and bodies:
- European Parliament's EU response to coronavirus website,
- Council of the EU's COVID-19 coronavirus outbreak website,
- European Commission’s coronavirus response website,
- European Investment Bank’s response to the coronavirus outbreak,
- European Central Bank’s response to the coronavirus emergency,
- European External Action Service’s coronavirus latest updates,
- European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control’s COVID-19 page,
- EU Open Data Portal’s COVID-19 documents on EUR-Lex dataset
- EU Datathon’s COVID-19

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