

CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION AND HEALTH POLICY DURING COVID-19

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INTRODUCTION⁺

Did the EU States cooperate during the crisis of Covid 19 and if so, how ?



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1. Regulation and legal instruments

« Cross-Border regions at the heart of tomorrow's Europe » Declaration

Resolution of the European Committee of the Regions called « vision for Europe: The Future of Cross-border Cooperation » (2021/C 440/02)



“The European Committee of the Regions (CoR) is the voice of regions and cities in the European Union (EU). It represents local and regional authorities across the European Union and advises on new laws that have an impact on regions and cities (70% of all EU legislation).”
(<https://cor.europa.eu/en/about>)



**European Committee
of the Regions**

“Cross-border cooperation is one of the biggest successes of the European Union and must play an even greater role in its future. It is at the borders where the real benefits of European integration are being experienced by citizens”.

Pavel Branda



EU VACCINE STRATEGY

" The Commission and Member States have taken a common EU approach to securing supplies and facilitating their distribution .
[T]he Commission secured the right to buy a specified number of vaccine doses in a given timeframe and at a given price."

Source: https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/coronavirus-response/public-health/eu-vaccines-strategy_en#securing-access-to-vaccines



ARTICLE 168 OF THE TFEU

1. “(...)Union action, which **shall complement** national policies (...).
2. The Union **shall encourage cooperation between the Member States** in the areas referred to in this Article and, if necessary, **lend support** to their action (...).”



EU VACCINE STRATEGY



4.2 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines



1.7 billion
doses delivered



83.4 % of the EU adult
population fully vaccinated





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COVID-19 Clearing House

“(...) To facilitate the timely availability of the medical supplies needed to fight the virus (...9, the Commission has created the COVID-19 Clearing House for medical equipment (...).”





European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations Emergency Support Instrument

Programme in a nutshell

Concrete examples of achievements (*)

1 500

medical cargo transport operations delivered medical supplies from April 2020 to January 2022.

800

medical personnel and patients were transported from April 2020 to January 2022.

23 million

rapid antigen tests were purchased, with deliveries starting in February 2021.

10 million

masks for healthcare workers were distributed to Member States from July to October 2020.

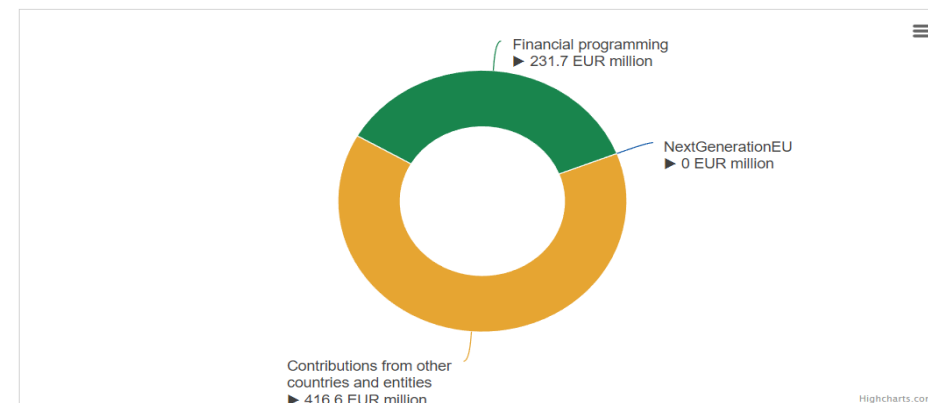
15 000

doctors and nurses were trained to support and assist intensive care units in 750 hospitals across the EU from August 2020 to May 2021.

2.6 billion

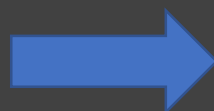
doses of COVID 19 vaccines were secured for delivery under the ESI, which started in December 2020.

Budget for 2021-2027





Strasbourg- Kehl border closure



The Covid-19 Exchange platform



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Thank you

For Listening

