

English summary of the European measures to control the outbreak of the coronavirus (4 - 17 April)

1. A European roadmap to lifting coronavirus containment measures

Before the launch of the common [exit strategy](#), the following conditions must be fulfilled: gradual decrease of the number of infections, sufficient medical capacity, effective monitoring and testing policies.

The exit strategy will differ from region to region, but it is important for the internal market that member states keep each other informed and cooperate if possible.

2. A European Marshall Plan

President von der Leyen [proposed](#) to use the EU budget as a Marshall Plan for the recovery of the EU. She also stressed the need to invest in a sustainable, green and digital economy.

The deployment of the EU budget comes on top of the additional crisis measures agreed by the Eurogroup on 9 April. The Finance ministers consider that the European multiannual financial framework should play a central role in promoting economic recovery. On 29 April, the European Commission will therefore present a new proposal for the European multiannual financial framework for the period 2021-2027.

3. Use of mobile applications for tracing and warning

The EU member states and the Commission have jointly developed a [toolbox for mobile applications](#) against the coronavirus pandemic, including practical [requirements](#) and [guidance for data protection](#).

4. Financial support SMEs & growth finance

The member states agreed to establish a EUR 25 billion [guarantee fund](#), managed by the European Investment Bank Group, with the aim of making EUR 200 billion of additional funding available to European companies. This is in addition to an earlier support package already put in place by the [EIB](#) Group, in cooperation with the European Commission.

5. Travel and transport

On 8 April, member states and Schengen countries outside the EU were asked to extend the temporary restriction for non-essential travel to the EU until 15 May and act in a coordinated manner.

In addition, on 8 April the Commission issued guidelines for passengers and crew of cruise ships (healthcare, repatriation, bookings, network of safe EU havens).

The Commission has made a timeline of EU action and proposed measures in the context of the coronacrisis.

For background information and relevant documents, please consult the [coronavirus webpage](#). You can also contact the Representation via COMM-NL-DEN-HAAG@ec.europa.eu.

We would also like to draw your attention to the fact that the European Commission, in cooperation with Sanoma, has created a Donald Duck Europe Special, with particular emphasis on cooperation and recycling. If you would like to receive a paper copy, please send an e-mail to COMM-NL-DEN-HAAG@ec.europa.eu.

Once again, we would like to invite you to share and disseminate this information through your newsletter, website or social media in the Netherlands. The EU remains committed to taking the appropriate and appropriate measures.

Kind regards,

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