

COVID-19 HOPE Weekly review

Week 17/02/2021 – 24/02/2021

EU Institutions

Council of the European Union

- **Informal video conference of Ministers for Employment and Social Policy (EPSCO): A social Europe and an ambitious action plan are essential in the response to the crisis**
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- **COVID-19: Council adopts conclusions on human rights-based recovery**
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European Commission

- **COVID-19 tests: Q&A on in vitro diagnostic medical device conformity assessment and performance in the context of COVID-19**
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- **President von der Leyen joins the Global Citizen campaign to end COVID-19 and kick start a global recovery**
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- **EU doubles contribution to COVAX to €1 billion to ensure safe and effective vaccines for low and middle-income countries**
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- **Coronavirus: EU Health Security Committee agrees on a common list of COVID-19 rapid antigen tests**
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Action outside the EU

- **New EU project to support readiness for vaccination efforts and resilient health systems in the Western Balkans**
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- **G7: EU to support COVID-19 vaccination strategies and capacity in Africa**
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Joint Research Centre (JRC)

- **Tracking SARS-CoV-2 using wastewater**
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European Medicines Agency (EMA)

- **EMA receives application for conditional marketing authorisation of COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen**
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European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

- **Detailed data on COVID-19 vaccination progress in the EU/EEA available via Vaccine Tracker and in weekly reports**
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- **SARS-CoV-2 in mink: recommendations to improve monitoring**
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European Parliament

- **Economic policy priorities for a post-pandemic recovery**
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European Committee of the Regions

- **CoR signs Action Plan with WHO and warns against territorial vaccine divide**

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World Health Organisation

News

- **Improving understanding of and response to infodemics during public health emergencies**

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- **Statement – Overcoming COVID-19 and its collateral effects**

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Technical Reports

- **Priority medical devices list for the COVID-19 response and associated technical specifications**

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- **COVID-19 vaccine introduction and deployment costing tool (CVIC tool)**

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- **Maintaining a safe and adequate blood supply and collecting convalescent plasma in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic**

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- **Operational considerations to expedite genomic sequencing component of GISRS surveillance of SARS-CoV-2**

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