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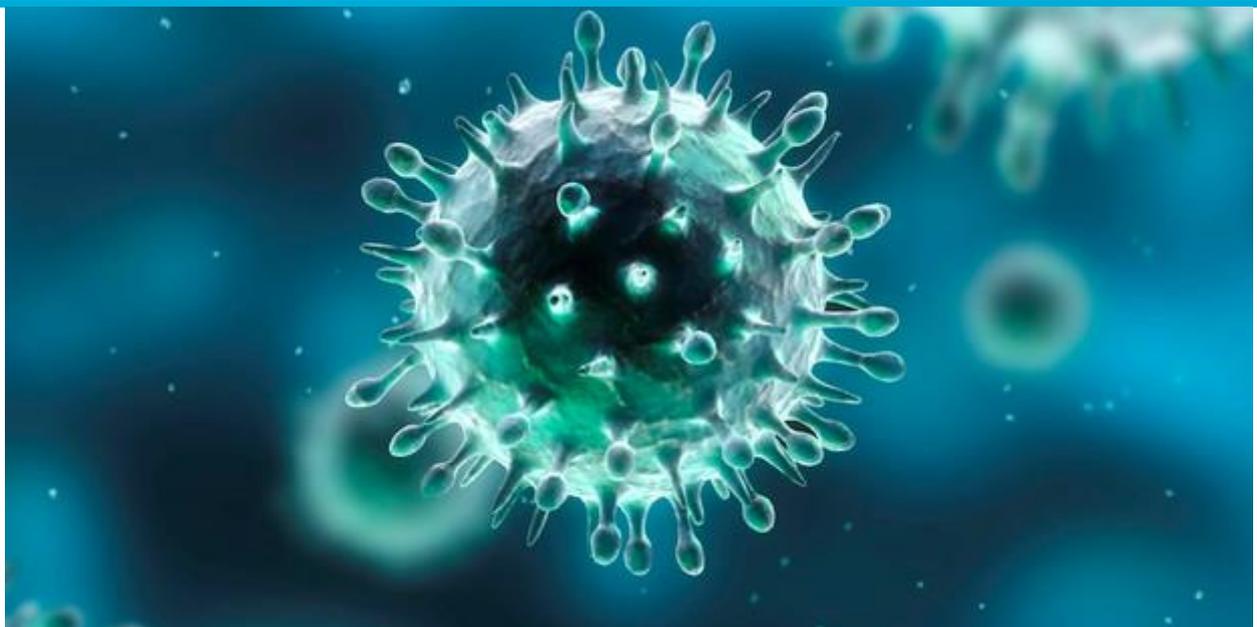


Tackling COVID-19 emergency

On 30 January, the World Health Organisation declared the Corona Virus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern while, on 11 March, it characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic. Worldwide countries started to declare state of emergency and approved first set of emergency measures and support operations.

The EU and its member states are working together to reinforce national healthcare systems and contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. They are also taking action to mitigate the socio-economic impact of COVID-19. At the same time, the EU Commission announced immediate support of up to €38 million for the Western Balkans to tackle the health emergency and the reallocation of €374 million from the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance.

This newly entered *theme* within the WBC-RTI.INFO portal intends to give you an overview of the common response to the COVID-19 outbreak. Find below the first available information and let us know about any activity and measure that deserve to be further disseminate.



• NEWS

- Posted on April 14, 2020
CORONAVIRUS: COMMISSION ADOPTS RECOMMENDATION TO SUPPORT EXIT STRATEGIES THROUGH MOBILE DATA AND APPS
The Commission recommends steps and measures to develop a common EU approach for the use of mobile applications and mobile data in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Digital tools can play an important...
- Posted on April 14, 2020
WB GOVERNMENTS CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH HEALTH AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES OF COVID-19
As reported by Sofija Popović on April, 7 at the European Western Balkans portal, so far, the Western Balkans countries reported more than 5600 cases of COVID-19 virus infection. Governments are taking...
- Posted on April 14, 2020
CROATIA POSTPONES EU-WESTERN BALKANS SUMMIT
The Croatian Presidency of the Council of the European Union has announced the postponement of all informal ministerial meetings scheduled before 15 May in Croatia due to the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Posted on April 14, 2020
"PUT WOMEN AND GIRLS AT THE CENTRE OF EFFORTS TO RECOVER FROM COVID-19"—STATEMENT BY THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL ANTÓNIO GUTERRES
UN have launched a report that shows how COVID-19 could reverse the limited progress that has been made on gender equality and women's rights – and recommends ways to put women's leadership and contributions...
- Posted on April 14, 2020
CORONAVIRUS: EU GLOBAL RESPONSE TO FIGHT THE PANDEMIC
On 8 April 2020, the European Commission and the High Representative set out plans for a robust and targeted EU response to support partner countries' efforts in tackling the coronavirus pandemic.
- Posted on April 14, 2020
OECD SURVEY ON THE SCIENCE AND INNOVATION POLICY RESPONSES TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)
Science and innovation (S&I) policies have crucial roles to play in our responses to the Covid-19 crisis, with countries introducing new S&I policy measures on an almost daily basis across the...
- Posted on April 14, 2020
COORDINATED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ACTIONS ACROSS THE EU TO REINFORCE THE FIGHT AGAINST COVID-19
The Croatian Presidency of the Council of the EU organised an informal videoconference of EU research ministers to discuss joint research and innovation response to COVID-19.
- Posted on April 14, 2020
WB6 CHAMBER INVESTMENT FORUM WELCOMES EU SUPPORT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS
President of the WB6 Chamber Investment Forum Marko Čadež thanked the EU Commission for the announced immediate support of up to €38 million for the Western Balkans to tackle the health emergency and ...
- Posted on April 4, 2020
COVID-19 INDUSTRIAL CLUSTERS RESPONSE PORTAL HAS BEEN LAUNCHED
Portal enables COVID-19 industrial clusters to connect, collaborate and solve!
- Posted on April 1, 2020
EUBCE RESCHEDULED
The European Biomass Conference & Exhibition (EUBCE 2020), which was planned to take place End of April in Marseille, France, was rescheduled to 6-9 July 2020.
- Posted on April 1, 2020
ESOF CONFERENCE POSTPONED
It was recently announced that ESOF 2020 is postponed to 2-6 September 2020.
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[PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT] EUROPEAN PRIMARY CARE AND HOSPITAL NETWORKS

The project has been funded in March 2020 as part of the EU ongoing actions to tackle the current outbreak of the novel coronavirus. This project involves also partner from Western Balkans - Public health...

- Posted on April 1, 2020

[PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT] HEALTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE IN INTERCONNECTED SYSTEMS

The project has been funded in March 2020 as part of the EU ongoing actions to tackle the current outbreak of the novel coronavirus. The project's main aim is to improve efficiency of response to corona...

- Posted on April 1, 2020

NEW RESEARCH PROJECTS ON CORONAVIRUS INCLUDE ALSO WB PARTNERS

On 30 January 2020, the European Commission launched a request for expressions of interest entitled "SC1-PHE-CORONAVIRUS-2020: Advancing knowledge for the clinical and public health response to the [COVID...

- Posted on March 30, 2020

EU MOBILISES IMMEDIATE SUPPORT FOR ITS WESTERN BALKAN PARTNERS TO TACKLE CORONAVIRUS

As part of the global response to the coronavirus outbreak, the European Commission has announced up to €38 million in immediate support for the Western Balkans to tackle the health emergency caused by...

- Posted on March 30, 2020

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS FOR ESFRI ROADMAP 2021 EXTENDED TO 9 SEPTEMBER

ESFRI has decided to extend the deadline for the presentation of new Proposals for Research Infrastructure Projects for the ESFRI Roadmap 2021 update to allow more time for the preparation of high quality...

• **EVENTS**

- April 24-25, 2020 | online, OTHER

EUVSVIRUS HACKATHON TO DEVELOP INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND OVERCOME CORONAVIRUS-RELATED CHALLENGES

The European Commission, in close collaboration with the EU member states, will host a pan-European hackathon to connect civil society, innovators, partners and investors across Europe in order to develop...

- April 24-26, 2020 | online, OTHER

CORONATHON.ME

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, this hackathon gives us an opportunity to jointly identify good ideas and solutions to help Montenegro adapt, respond and recover speedily. To accelerate this process...

• **CALLS**

- Deadline: April 26, 2020

#EUVSCRISIS - SUGGEST YOUR CHALLENGES

The European Commission is joining forces with its partners across Europe to respond to an unprecedented crisis due to the COVID-19 epidemic. International teams will hack the most pressing issues in #...

- Deadline: October 1, 2020

AMABLE CALLS FOR IDEAS FOR ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING (COVID-19)

3D printing technology (Additive Manufacturing) allows to quickly and cost-effectively produce specialized surgical instruments and medical devices like valves, masks and everything that may...

• **DOCUMENTS**

- **CORONAVIRUS: EU GLOBAL RESPONSE TO FIGHT THE PANDEMIC**

The European Commission and the High Representative set out plans for a robust and targeted EU response to support partner countries' efforts in tackling the coronavirus pandemic.

- **FIRST "ERAVSCORONA" ACTION PLAN: SHORT-TERM COORDINATED RESEARCH AND INNOVATION ACTIONS**

EU leaders committed to do everything possible to support research, to coordinate efforts and seek synergies within the European scientific and research community. They also underlined that there is an...

- **LINKS**

- **[CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE \(BY EUROPEAN COMMISSION\)](#)**

The European Commission is coordinating a common European response to the Coronavirus outbreak. We are taking resolute action to reinforce our public health sectors and mitigate the socio-economic...

- **[WHO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE \(COVID-2019\) SITUATION REPORTS](#)**

Situation daily reports based on data as received by WHO from national authorities.

- **[COVID-19 IN THE EU/EEA AND THE UK](#)**

Sources of updated information on COVID-19 in the EU/EEA and the UK:

- **[CORONAVIRUS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION](#)**

The European Commission has been at the forefront of supporting research and innovation and coordinating European and global research efforts, including preparedness for pandemics. In addition...

- **[EUROPEAN CRISIS MANAGEMENT LABORATORY \(AN OVERVIEW OF COVID-19 CASES, FATALITIES AND NATIONAL MEASURES ACROSS EUROPE - BY JRC\)](#)**

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 crisis, the Joint Research Centre (JRC) has been supporting the European Commission in multidisciplinary areas to understand the COVID-19 emergency, anticipate its impacts...

- **[COVID-19 SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH TRACKER](#)**

This international list tracks new research about COVID 19, including published findings, pre-prints, projects underway, and projects at least at proposal stage. [LINK](#) and more information

- **[COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK AND THE EU'S RESPONSE \(BY COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION\)](#)**

The EU and its member states are working together to reinforce national healthcare systems and contain the spread of the virus. At the same time, the EU and its member states are taking action to mitigate...

- **[EUROPEAN RESEARCH AREA CORONA PLATFORM](#)**

Website dealing with latest H2020 calls deadlines updates due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Reacting to the Covid-19 crisis, deadlines for some calls are extended to give more time for applicants to prepare...

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