

COVID-19 HOPE Weekly review

Week 09/09/2020 – 16/09/2020

EU Institutions

Council of the European Union

- **Addressing COVID-19: Council approves €6.2 billion budget increase for 2020**
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European Commission

- **Ursula von der Leyen State of the Union speech : focus on the response to coronavirus – and protecting Europe's health in the future**
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The President of the Commission called for lessons to be learned, saying Europe must build a stronger European health union, with a future-proof and properly funded EU4Health programme, a reinforced European Medicines Agency (EMA) and a strengthened European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC).

She pledged to build a European “BARDA” – the US name for an agency for biomedical advanced research and development – to enhance Europe's capacity to respond to cross-border threats. The President called for a debate on new competences for the EU in the field of health, as part of the forthcoming Conference on the Future of Europe.

- **EUnetHTA produces ‘Rapid Collaborative Reviews’ for diagnostic testing and ‘Rolling Collaborative Reviews’ for therapeutic treatment for Covid-19 products**
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- **Coronavirus: Commission starts testing interoperability gateway service for national contact tracing and warning apps**
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- **Minutes - 2nd Drafting group meeting of 28 August on organisation of health and social care following the COVID-19 pandemic**
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- **Disinformation: EU assesses the Code of Practice and publishes platform reports on coronavirus related disinformation**
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- **Coronavirus Global Response: WHO and Commission launch the Facilitation Council to strengthen global collaboration**
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- **Flash report - Steering Group on Health Promotion, Disease Prevention and Management of Non-Communicable Diseases**
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European Parliament

- **Seventy-one MEPs ask EU member states to finally break silos in COVID-19 crisis**
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World Health Organisation

News

- **WHO/Europe and the European Commission agree future common action in 5 key areas**
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- **Ministers of health and public health leaders from the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region endorsed a new 5-year vision**
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- **COVID-19 could reverse decades of progress toward eliminating preventable child deaths, agencies warn**
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Technical Reports

- **Diagnostic testing for SARS-CoV-2**
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- **Antigen-detection in the diagnosis of SARS-CoV-2 infection using rapid immunoassays**
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Other news

- **Health concern puts AstraZeneca vaccine hopes on hold**
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