

COVID-19 HOPE Weekly review

Week 04/11/2020 – 11/11/2020

EU Institutions

- **Next multiannual financial framework and recovery package: the European Parliament and the Council presidency reach a political agreement**

10 November 2020

On 10 November 2020, the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament's negotiators reached a political agreement in talks on the next Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF), the EU's long-term budget after ten weeks of intense negotiation. The agreement complements the comprehensive financial package of €1 824.3 billion negotiated by EU leaders in July, which combines the next MFF – €1 074.3 billion – and a €750 billion temporary recovery instrument, Next Generation EU (in 2018 prices).

The Parliament had been advocating for the introduction of new resources and an overall increased amount of the EU budget and obtained EUR 16 billion on top of the package agreed by heads of state or government at their July summit. The political package agreed by both institutions includes:

- Overall, more than 50% of the total amount will support modernisation through policies that include research and innovation, via Horizon Europe; fair climate and digital transitions, via the Just Transition Fund and the Digital Europe Programme; preparedness, recovery and resilience, via the Recovery and Resilience Facility, rescEU and a new health programme, EU4Health.
- €15 billion have been added through additional means (€12.5 billion) and reallocations (€2.5 billion) in the course of the next financial period, for the reinforcement of EU programmes, including Horizon Europe (€4bn), EU4Health (€3,4bn) and Erasmus+ (€2,2bn), Border and Security (€1,5bn) and Humanitarian aid (€0,5bn).
- more flexibility to allow the EU to respond to unforeseen needs (€1 billion)
- greater involvement of the budgetary authority in the oversight of revenue under Next Generation EU
- higher ambition on biodiversity and strengthened monitoring of biodiversity, climate and gender related spending
- an indicative roadmap towards the introduction of new own resources

On 16 November, the Members of Parliament's negotiating team MFF and Own Resources will debrief the committee on the political agreement. The provisional agreement still needs to be endorsed by the Council, Parliament's President and political group leaders and will be subject to votes in the BUDG committee (23 November - tbc) and the plenary (November II - tbc). If agreed, it needs to be published in the Official Journal before the end of the year for all legal acts to enter into force on 1 January 2021.

[EU Commission press release](#)

[Details of the distribution of the additional EUR 16 billion](#)

Council of the European Union

- **Strengthening the World Health Organization: the EU is ready to take the leading role**
6 November 2020
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- **InvestEU: Council agrees its position on revised Commission proposal**
4 November 2020
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European Commission

- **Building a European Health Union: Stronger crisis preparedness and response for Europe**
11 November 2020

The College of Commissioners adopted a communication and three proposals for regulations:

- [Communication: Building a European Health Union: preparedness and resilience](#)
 - [Proposal for a Regulation on serious cross-border threats to health](#)
 - [Proposal to extend the mandate of the European Medicines Agency](#)
 - [Proposal to extend the mandate of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#)
 - [Link to the press release and additional documents](#)
- **Questions and Answers: Building a European Health Union: Stronger crisis preparedness and response for Europe**
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 - **Coronavirus: Commission approves contract with BioNTech-Pfizer alliance to ensure access to a potential vaccine**
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 - **Social Media Toolkit for Healthcare Professionals on Vaccination**
5 November 2020
[Link](#)
 - **Joint Statement of the European Commission and the WHO Regional Office for Europe: A deeper and result-oriented partnership for health in Europe**
4 November 2020
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Joint Research Centre

- **A bivariate prediction approach for adapting the health care system response to the spread of COVID-19**
November 2020
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European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)

- **ECDC to assess risk associated with spread of SARS-CoV-2 in mink farms**
6 November 2020
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European Parliament

- **Covid-19 tracing apps: ensuring privacy and use across borders – Press Release**
10 November 2020
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- **COVID-19: first go-ahead given to the new Recovery and Resilience Facility – Press Release**
9 November 2020
[Link](#)
- **Coronavirus: Europe confronts the second wave – Briefing**
9 November 2020
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World Health Organisation

News

- **Romania and the Republic of Moldova stand together to tackle COVID-19**
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- **New WHO dashboard quantifies and visualizes European countries' COVID-19 measures**
10 November 2020
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- **WHO and EU help migrants access COVID-19 protective equipment in Turkey**
4 November 2020
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Technical reports

- **Readiness for influenza during the COVID-19 pandemic**
6 November 2020
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- **WHO-convened Global Study of the Origins of SARS-CoV-2**
5 November 2020
[Link](#)
- **Considerations for implementing and adjusting public health and social measures in the context of COVID-19 - Interim guidance**
4 November 2020
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- **Critical preparedness, readiness and response actions for COVID-19 - Interim guidance**
4 November 2020
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Other

- **Monitoring the labour market, public health and social consequences of Covid-19: essential resources for researchers and policymakers – Observatoire Social Européen – Paper Brief**
October 2020
[Link](#)
- **European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies Webinar series on the COVID-19 response:**
17 November 2020, 12:00-13:00
The health workforce and COVID-19: Protecting health workers while maintaining surge capacity
Keynote: Gemma Williams, European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies
ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qkU6W5a6SFupEWKifGVQcg