

# COVID-19 HOPE Weekly review

*Week 13/01/2021 – 20/01/2021*

## EU Institutions

### ***Council of the European Union***

- **Fighting the pandemic and vaccination dominate the first General Affairs Council of the Portuguese Presidency**  
18 January 2021  
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- **Informal meeting of Health Ministers recognises the importance of working together to fight the pandemic**  
14 January 2021  
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### ***European Commission***

- **Commission sets out key actions for a united front to beat COVID-19**  
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[Remarks by Commissioner Stella Kyriakides](#) and [Remarks by Vice-President Margaritis Schinas](#) at the press conference on key actions for a united front to beat COVID-19
- **Coronavirus: Commission Statement on consulting Member States on proposal to further prolong and adjust State aid Temporary Framework**  
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- **EU health preparedness: Recommendations for a common EU approach regarding isolation for COVID-19 patients and quarantine for contacts and travellers**  
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### ***European Medicines Agency (EMA)***

- **Global regulators highlight key role of healthcare professionals in fostering confidence in COVID-19 vaccines**  
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- **Meeting highlights from the Pharmacovigilance Risk Assessment Committee (PRAC) 11-14 January 2021**  
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### *European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)*

- **ECDC rapid assessment of laboratory practices and needs related to COVID-19**  
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- **Sequencing of SARS-CoV-2 - first update**  
18 January 2021  
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### *European Parliament*

- **Portuguese Presidency wants EU to deliver on vaccines, recovery and transition**  
20 January 2021  
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- **Plenary Debate - COVID-19 vaccines: EU must respond with unity and solidarity**  
19 January 2021  
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- **MEPs adopt Technical Support Instrument to speed up post-COVID-19 recovery**  
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## **World Health Organisation**

- **Statement – Update on COVID-19: a tipping-point in the course of the pandemic**  
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- **Aide-memoire: Infection prevention and control (IPC) principles and procedures for COVID-19 vaccination activities**  
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- **Analysing and using routine data to monitor the effects of COVID-19 on essential health services: practical guide for national and subnational decision-makers**  
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