

THE EU's RESPONSE TO COVID-19

EU leaders have agreed on five priorities

1 SUPPORTING JOBS, BUSINESSES AND THE ECONOMY



€540 billion recovery package to support

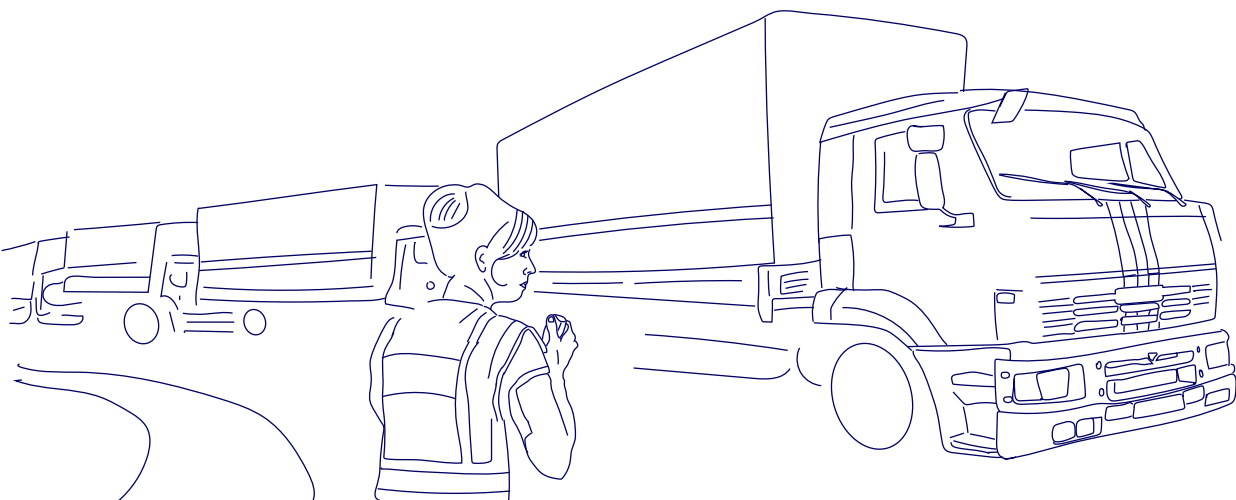
- euro area countries in health-related expenses
- companies through the European Investment Bank
- workers via new EU instrument to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency (SURE)

Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative
€37 billion from the EU budget to EU countries to strengthen healthcare systems, support businesses, short-term working schemes and community-based services

Up to **€800 million** through **EU Solidarity Fund** can also be used for public health emergencies, in addition to natural disasters

European Central Bank announced at least **€750 billion** for the **Pandemic Emergency Purchase Programme**

2 LIMITING THE SPREAD OF THE VIRUS



Temporary closure of EU's external borders for all non-essential travel to the EU

Smooth border management for people and goods

- helping EU citizens blocked at internal EU borders
- ensuring the moving of essential goods through the introduction of 'green lanes'

Integrated Political Crisis Response mechanism fully activated
Crisis meetings with EU ambassadors/ministers to identify major gaps across sectors and make proposals for EU action

3 PROVIDING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Creation of a **common European reserve of emergency medical equipment** ("rescEU stockpile")

- initial budget of **€50 million**
- 90% financed by the EU

Launch of **4 large call for tenders** to allow EU countries to join forces in the **purchase of protective medical equipment**

Freely available **standards for protective medical equipment** to facilitate production



4 PROMOTING RESEARCH FOR TREATMENTS AND VACCINES



€140 million mobilised to fund research to prevent the spread of the virus and save lives

18 research projects from 140 EU research teams already funded

EU to provide **financial support for innovative clinical and public health response** through European Innovation Council and European Investment Bank

5 BRINGING EU CITIZENS HOME

EU Civil Protection Mechanism
More than **38,000 Europeans** stranded around the world have been brought home

