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How Europe has organised itself to respond to Covid in public health, and next steps

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### Au début

- First efforts to evaluate threat in EU health security Committee.
- Immediate problem after cases explode in Lombardy and spread from there
- Crisis quickly multiplied with vagues of severe illness and deaths, border closures, travel restrictions, shortages of personal protective equipement, ventilators and break in pharmaceutical supply chains from Asia
- Joint procurement launched at EU level for PPE, ventilators, and intensive care medicines and direct purchases of same products using EU own funds with donation to member states
- Green lanes to open up internal borders for essential goods traffic



### Se préparer pour les vaccins

- Commission proposed strategy on vaccines in June 2020:
  - Europe should encourage research into vaccine creation and industrial production in EU
  - Europe should assess the safety and efficacy of these vaccines through the European Medicines Agency
  - Europe should negotiate with producers of potential vaccines to support their research and manufacture, and to reserve quantities in case they would be approved on the EU market
  - Finally, EU member states should not buy the same vaccines in parallel and each member state should pay themselves for the vaccines delivered on a pro rata basis.

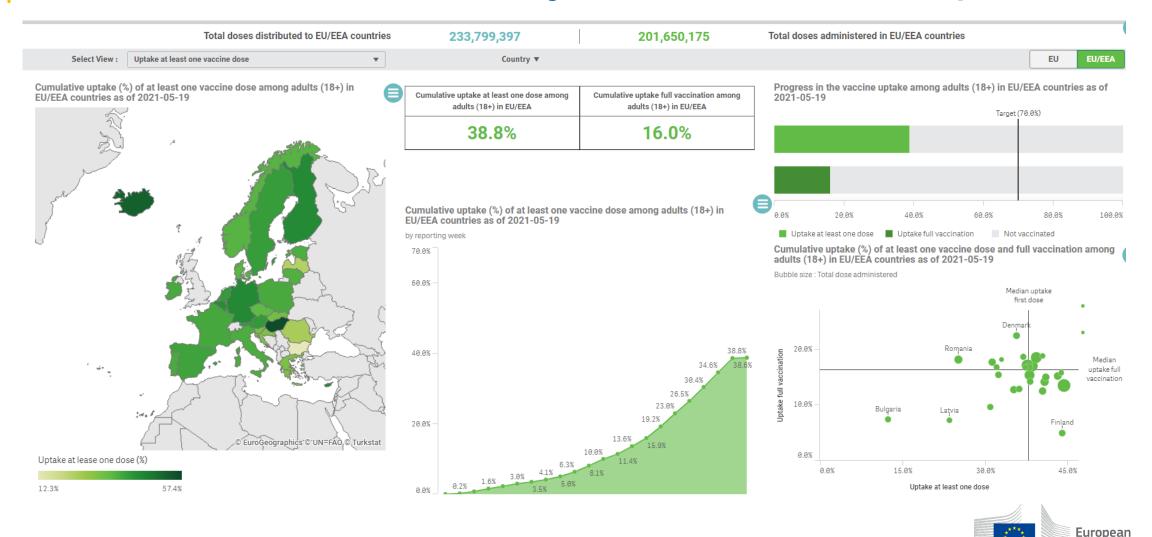


### Mise en œuvre de la stratégie vaccinale

- Negotiations with six companies initially
- Four vaccines have been approved by the European Medicines Agency and are covered by EU advance purchase and being delivered now in Member states
- We are currently negotiating for the EU the purchase of new vaccines aimed at the new variants

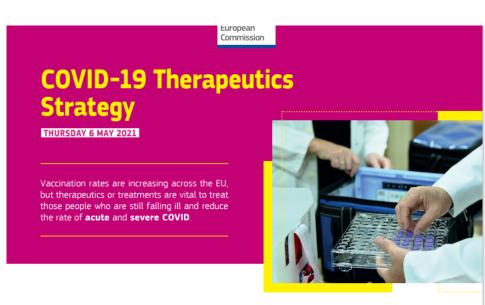


### Situation vaccinale aujourd'hui en Europe



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### Thérapies



#### TO DATE:



Number of authorised COVID-19 therapeutics



Number of therapeutics under rolling review (pre-authorisation)



Number of potential therapeutics the European Medicines Agency has advised on



Number of joint procurement contracts for medicines

### WITH THE THERAPEUTICS STRATEGY:



Newly authorised medicines in 2021



New joint procurements of therapeutics



New rolling reviews



### Autres mesures

- Co-ordination of internal and external frontiers (Council Recommendations) based on ECDC maps
- Proposed EU digital COVID certificate: vaccination certificate, testing certificate, recovery certificate
- Platform at EU level for exchange of contact tracing information (App)
- Platform for exchange of passenger locator card data
- European Medicines Agency tracking tool for pharma products in short supply
- Strong research investment into new vaccines and therapies for Covid



### OMS, G7, G20, Traité pandémique

- Review of WHO performance completed
- Pandemic response subject of G7 and G20 discussions
- Launch of pandemic treaty being discussed



### Leçons à tirer

- European Commission proposed reinforcement of EU legislation on cross border health threats
- Proposed reinforcement of mandates of European centre for disease prevention and control and of European Medicines agency
- New financial resources including:
  - EU4 Health programme with budget of 5.1 Billion € over 7 years
  - EU research programme with budget of 7.7 Billion € over 7 years
  - EU Recovery package with budget of 750 Billion €



### L'angle international



#### **EU Global response to COVID-19**

Global cooperation and solidarity is paramount to effectively fight the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure early access to vaccines, diagnostics and treatments everywhere.

No one will be safe until everyone is safe.

This is why the EU has been leading the multilateral response to make sure no one is left behind. The health security and start of a sustainable global recovery depend on it.





#### CORONAVIRUS GLOBAL RESPONSE

Commission launches Coronavirus Global Response in May 2020 to mobilise funds for research and development of tests, treatments and vaccines, strengthen health systems and the global recovery close to €16 billion

#### **ACT-ACCELERATOR**

The Access to COVID-19 Tools Accelerator was launched at the end of April 2020 by the WHO, the EU and global health organizations to:

- Accelerate development of COVID-19 vaccines. tests and treatments
- Ensure equitable global access
- Strengthen health

ACT-A brings together governments, scientists, civil society, charities and global health organizations.

€9.1 billion pledged

#### COVAX

Vaccine pillar of ACT-A, co-led by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, CEPI and WHO

€5.18 billion

over €2.2 billion from the EU's TEAM EUROPE

brings us closer to COVAX's objective to deliver at least 1.3 billion doses for lower income countries by end of 2021







#### **EU VACCINE-SHARING MECHANISM**

- . Will allow 27 Member states to share EU purchased . EU has secured 2.6 billion doses from six vaccine doses with third countries, including through COVAX
  - producers for Europe, with the possibility to share with other countries, in particular the Western Balkans, the EU's Neighbourhood and Africa



#### STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS

- We need to make progress with global vaccination and prepare health systems for future pandemics, especially in the most vulnerable countries
- EU has invested over €1.1 billion to strengthen health systems in 13 African countries: Burkina Faso, Burundi, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Guinea (Conakry), Guinea Bissau, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Nigeria, Sudan, Zimbabwe



#### G20 Health Summit In Rome,

co-hosted by Italy and the EU on 21 May 2021

G20 Leaders, international and regional organisation heads and representatives of global health bodies will share lessons learned from the pandemic and agree principles supporting further cooperation and joint action preventing future global health crisis, irrespective of origin and in spirit of solidarity.



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