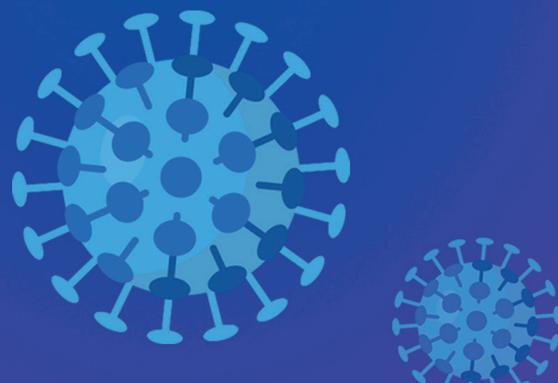


EU response to the coronavirus pandemic in the Western Balkans



March 2020
#Coronavirus

Overview of the EU support package

The EU is mobilising a package of **over €410 million** in reallocated bilateral financial assistance to support the Western Balkans during the coronavirus emergency.



€38 million of immediate funding to address the most pressing medical equipment and protection needs.



€374 million in short to medium term assistance to support the social and economic recovery of the region.



Ensuring the flow of essential goods, expanding Green Lanes within the region

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

€7 million of immediate support for the health sector
€73.5 million of support for the social and economic recovery

SERBIA

€15 million of immediate support for the health sector
€78.4 million of support for the social and economic recovery

MONTENEGRO

€3 million of immediate support for the health sector
€50 million of support for the social and economic recovery

KOSOVO*

€5 million of immediate support for the health sector
€63 million of support for the social and economic recovery

ALBANIA

€4 million of immediate support for the health sector
€46.7 million of support for the social and economic recovery

NORTH MACEDONIA

€4 million of immediate support for the health sector
€62 of support for the social and economic recovery



* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

What is the EU already doing for the Western Balkans to address the Coronavirus emergency? *Examples*

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- The EU signed a financial package with UNDP for **€2 million assistance**, for medical protective equipment and **80 respirators**, 50% more than what the country had in March.
- The EU launched the digital campaign **#StayHome** involving VIP personalities encouraging people not to leave their home, the campaign **Heroes of the Day**, praising people that must work and a digital campaign to **tackle disinformation** about coronavirus.

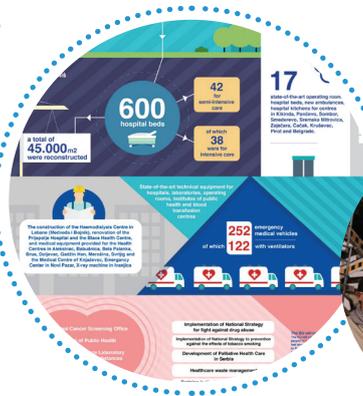


#OstaniKući
#OstaniDoma
#StayHome



Serbia

- The EU financed the transport of two cargo planes carrying more than **130 tons emergency medical supplies** and equipment to combat the coronavirus.



Montenegro

- The EU distributed **600 emergency aid packages** for 400 Roma and Egyptian families in Nikšić, Berane, Bijelo Polje and Herceg Novi.



Albania

- The EU launched a **social media campaign** raising awareness on how to behave during the coronavirus emergency, especially targeted at the most vulnerable.

KORONAVIRUS: ÇFARË DUHET .
Si ta mbrojt veten?

- Lani rregullisht duart me sapun dhe ujë të ftohtë për 20 sekonda ose përdorni një solucion dezinfektues me bazë alkolli.
- Mbuloni gojën dhe hundën me bërryl apo një shamë letre kur kolliteni apo tështrni. Hidheni menjëherë shamën e përdorur.
- Shmangni prekjeve të syve, hundës dhe gojës pa larë më parë duart.
- Mbani të paktën 1 metër distancë me këdo që kollitet apo tështrin.

Kosovo

- The EU has launched a **social media campaign** sharing informative tips on how people should protect themselves during the coronavirus emergency.

... up to date and reliable information.

... important to stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19.

... advice given by your care provider as well as national and local health authorities.

... related through the European Union and World Health Organization channels.

North Macedonia

- The EU is in the process of financing a TV show promoting the **#StayHome** campaign.



Additional support measures are coming in the next days.