

## COVID-19 EU Briefing 27 July 2020

### Synopsis

Europe's acceleration towards normality faced two notable roadblocks this weekend. Notably, the introduction of a mandatory 2-week quarantine period for travellers returning to the UK from Spain following a spike in infections. Belgium has also slowed its lifting of COVID-19 restrictions as the country was placed in the "Code Orange" category.

### Member states

#### *Italy*

- **Politico** reported that Attilio Fontana, governor of Italy's Lombardy region and League member has denied wrongdoing over fraud allegations in the public procurement of medical equipment to tackle the coronavirus.
- **France 24** has [reported](#) that several businesses in the Naples region of Italy have been fined 1000 Euros for failing to respect rules surrounding the mandatory wearing of masks in enclosed public places.

#### *Belgium*

- In response to the recent increase in Covid-19 cases in **Belgium**, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control has [placed](#) the country in the 'Code Orange' Category.
- **Politico** reported that Belgium's National Security Council will meet again today to "consider additional national measures."

#### *Spain*

- The **UK Government** has [reimposed](#) a mandatory 2-week quarantine for travellers arriving back from Spain. This is in response to the spike of Covid-19 infections in the regions of Catalonia and Aragón.

#### *Germany*

- In an interview with DW, the **Bundesbank president Jens Weidmann** has [called](#) for control mechanisms that can ensure the EU's €750bn recovery package is spent 'sensibly and efficiently'.

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