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Synopsis

Executive Vice-President as well as German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas and German Economic Minister Peter Altmaier went into quarantine after they have been in contact with someone who tested positive.

General

Recovery

Coordination

- The Presidency published a progress report on COVID 19 - EU coordination.
  - The ECDC will be asked to provide a comprehensive data set of the following key indicators on a weekly basis: i) the 14-day notification rate of new cases per 100,000 inhabitants; ii) the testing rate per 100,000 inhabitants; iii) the test positivity rate.
  - In addition, it will provide data on the population size, the hospitalisation rate, the rate of ICU admission and the mortality rate, if available, on a weekly basis
- Member States should inform the public and relevant stakeholders as early as 24 hours earlier before new general measures come into effect.

Member States

Infection Rate (measured by positive cases per 100,000 over 14 days)

- The Czech Republic's infection rate has grown from 207 to 218.6 (22/09 compared to 23/09).
- Luxembourg (157.4 – 169.7), Malta (112.9 – 144.7), Belgium (124.3 – 132.3) and Sweden (26.1 – 36) have also recorded substantial increases.
- Meanwhile, Croatia (71.4 – 69.9) has noted a decline in its infection rate.
- The average amongst the EU27+1 has increased from 81.2 – 85.5.

Belgium

- Wearing face masks outdoors will no longer be compulsory from 1 October. Masks will still have to worn in shops, cinemas, on public transport and in crowded streets.

Germany

- Germany added regions in 11 European countries to the list of high-risk areas.
  - French regions of Centre-Val de Loire, Brittany and Normandy, as well as the coastal region Lika-Senj in Croatia, the Primorsko-notranjska region in Slovenia, Lisbon, Copenhagen and the Dutch province of Utrecht are among them.
- The German Cabinet on Wednesday approved a draft budget plan for 2021 that includes new debts worth €96.2 billion to fund measures combating the coronavirus crisis.

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