In an interview with Germany’s Stuttgarter Nachrichten newspaper, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen said that the number of vaccine doses available in the EU is expected to double to 100 million per month from April.

The Financial Times reported that the European Union will urge the United States to permit the export of millions of doses of AstraZeneca’s COVID-19 vaccine.

Euractiv have reported that the European Commission will open discussions with the US to ensure it maintains its supply of US-made materials, and avoid bottlenecks.

Politico reports that 16 member states have opted not to order a Moderna vaccine top-up. The Hungarian Government has said that they did not purchase the maximum amount of doses because their arrival would have been too late in 2021.

Luxembourg

Luxembourg will extend COVID-19 restrictions until Easter, Health Minister Paulette Lenert and Prime Minister Xavier Bettel announced at a press conference.

In an op-ed published Sunday in the Journal du Dimanche, seven French health professional associations called for all medical and paramedical personnel to be vaccinated to stop the spread of the pandemic.

Romania

Romanian authorities could lift the age restriction on AstraZeneca jabs as of Monday.
Belgium

• From Monday 8 March, people’s “outdoor bubble” will be increased from four people to ten, but the social distancing should still be practised and face masks should be worn.
• For April, an ‘outdoor plan’ will be in force. It concerns sports activities, cultural events, amusement parks, youth camps, but always in a safe environment.
• The ban on non-essential travel will be extended until after the Easter holidays and will be lifted on 19 April.

Slovakia

• Euractiv reports that a Focus Agency study has shown Slovaksians trust Russia's Sputnik V vaccine to a greater extend then AstraZeneca and Moderna. The Pfizer/BioNTech vaccine has the highest 'acceptance' rating. The survey was carried out in February.

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