

## COVID-19 EU Briefing 27 April 2021

### Recovery

#### COVID-19 Vaccine

- European Commissioner for Health Stella Kyriakides [announced](#) that the EU has decided jointly with all Member States to bring legal proceedings against AstraZeneca.
- Explaining the reason behind this, Commission spokesperson Stefan De Keersmaecker said that “the reason indeed being the terms of the contract, or some terms of the contract, have not been respected, and the company has not been in a position to come up with a reliable strategy to ensure the timely delivery of doses”.
- AstraZeneca [said](#) in response that the legal action by the EU was without merit and pledged to defend itself strongly in court. The company should deliver almost 50m doses total to the EU by the end of April.

#### *Monitoring Initiative:*

- The **European Medicines Agency (EMA)** and the **European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)** have [launched](#) a new initiative aimed at strengthening post-marketing monitoring of the safety, effectiveness and impact of COVID-19 vaccines in the EU and the European economic Area.

#### Recovery Plans

##### Romania

- Romania [will ask](#) the European Commission to postpone by one month the official filing of its national recovery and resilience plan, EU Investment Minister Cristian Ghinea said on Monday.

##### Italy

- Prime Minister Mario Draghi [presented](#) the country’s national recovery and resilience plan to the Parliament on Monday. This plan focuses on four areas - Italy’s public administration, the justice system, simplification of legislation and the promotion of competition.
- The Chamber and the Senate are expected to vote in favour of the plan on Tuesday, with the Council Ministers meeting for the final approval of the text on Thursday.

##### France / Germany

- France and Germany will present their recovery plans together this afternoon.

##### Hungary

- A group of MEPs are protesting Hungary’s national recovery plan as they believe it may end up strengthening government proposals which the EU has serious issues with.

## Member States

### Lithuania

- As of Monday, 26 April, tighter self-isolation requirements are being applied to arrivals from Seychelles, while arrivals from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Jordan, Montenegro, Kosovo and Lebanon will continue under the usual self-isolation requirements.

### The Netherlands

- From Monday 26 April 2021 [there is a](#) ban on all incoming passenger flights from India until at least 1 May 2021.

### Belgium

- The Belgian government will urge the European Commission to release the patents on COVID-19 vaccines, so poorer countries should be given the opportunity to produce the vaccine themselves.

### France

- France [sent](#) primary and nursery pupils back to school on Monday, the first phase of reopening after a three-week COVID-19 lockdown.

### Germany

- It is [reported](#) that Germany will end vaccine prioritization by June at the latest, allowing everyone to apply for their jab

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