

## COVID-19 EU Briefing 06 May 2021

### Recovery

#### COVID-19 Vaccine

- The **US administration** has backed the lifting of patents of COVID-19 vaccines in order to speed up vaccinations across the world, US Trade Representative Katherine Tai said in a [statement](#).
- **WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus** called the Biden administration's decision to support the waiver proposal a "monumental moment in the fight against COVID-19."
- Responding to that **European Commission President von der Leyen** said in a [speech](#) today that "the EU is also ready to discuss any proposals that address the crisis in an effective and pragmatic manner. That is why we are ready to discuss how the U.S. proposal for a waiver on intellectual property protections for COVID-19 vaccines could help achieve that objective".

#### Travel Restrictions

- The Council [added](#) Israel to the list of countries for which member states should gradually lift restrictions on non-essential travel.

#### India

- The Commission has announced that it will allocate an initial €2.2m in emergency funding to respond to the drastic surge in COVID-19 cases in India.

### Member States

#### Luxembourg

- Luxembourg's prime minister Xavier Bettel announced on Wednesday a further easing of COVID-19 restrictions to be applied from 16 May to 12 June.
- Luxembourg will push back its current 11pm curfew to midnight and allow outdoor hospitality to open until 10pm.

#### Poland

- It has been [reported](#) that Polish Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki has made an offer to Danish authorities for Poland to buy back doses of the COVID-19 vaccine developed by Johnson & Johnson.

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