

## COVID-19 EU Briefing 03 June 2021

### Recovery

#### Spring Semester Package:

- The **European Commission** has [presented](#) the European Semester Spring Package. It focuses on providing fiscal guidance to Member States as they continue the process of gradually reopening their economies.
- Through its guidance, the Commission aims to help Member States strengthen their economic recoveries and make the best possible use of the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF).

#### COVAX:

- Australia, Spain, Sweden, Austria and Luxembourg among nations [announcing](#) fresh COVAX donations on 2 June in a bid to widen vaccination of people in low- and middle-income countries.

### Member States

#### Belgium:

- The head of a vaccination centre in Antwerp has [suggested](#) that from 1 July, Belgium should drop all age limits and let people choose when to get vaccinated in order to avoid empty slots in the holiday season. The Vaccination Task Force and Agency for Care and Health warned however that this would cause organisational problems and dissatisfaction among young people who may have to compete for a slot with other groups.
- Similar [calls](#) have been made by Walloon's Minister-President who has argued that Belgium should extend plans to vaccinate 16-17-year-olds and offer the vaccine to children as young as 12.
- Despite Belgium seeing a significant decrease in cases and ICU patients the Consultative Committee on 4 June is unlikely to lift any additional restrictions on top of those planned, [according](#) to COVID-19 Commissioner Pedro Facon

#### Spain:

- Spanish regions with a low coronavirus infection rate will be [allowed](#) to reopen nightlife before herd immunity is achieved. Regions with a 14-day notification rate of infections below 50 cases per 100,000 people will be able to open discos and clubs until 3 a.m., although some restrictions will continue. The Balearic islands, Valencia and the North African enclave of Ceuta meet the sub-50 requirement. 40% of the population has now received at least one shot.

France:

- France will [start](#) vaccinating teenagers from age 12 with the Pfizer BioNTech vaccine on June 15 in a drive to avoid school closures. From May 31, COVID-19 vaccines were made available to everyone over 18.
- Despite the progress Gabriel Attal, a government spokesman has [stated](#) that it is yet too risky to lift restrictions quicker than planned due to a big jump in cases in some French regions

Germany:

- [Starting](#) 7 June, coronavirus vaccinations will be available to everyone in Germany regardless of their priority group. Through the 'Vaccination Ordinance', all people over the age of 12 will be able to book an appointment for all four vaccines, either through a vaccine centre or with a doctor

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