

## COVID-19 EU Briefing 07 June 2021

### Recovery

#### EU vaccine plan:

- The EU has put forward a [plan](#) submitted to the WTO aimed at expanding vaccine production as an alternative to the US led push for patent waivers. The new plan would seek to lift export restrictions and their raw materials, expanding manufacturing capacity and making it easier for countries to use existing rules to override patents.

#### Schengen:

- The EU is [seeking](#) to strengthen the Schengen area by restoring free travel in the area, and ensure that border closures are avoided.

### Member States:

#### Spain:

- The Minister of Health has put forward a [proposed](#) to the 17 regional governments that would allow bars and nightclubs to stay open until 3 am and restaurants until 1 AM. Beach restaurants will also be able to reopen at 50% and another 10% if air ventilation is ensured.
- The new restrictions will stay in place until Spain reaches 70% vaccination rate. Madrid, Catalonia, Galicia, Andalusia, Murcia have opposed the plan.

#### Hungary:

- Hungary has [said](#) that its digital immunity card will now feature which vaccine was administered. This represents a U-turn from the Government stance in February due to worries that the Sputnik V and Sinopharm jabs are not authorised by the EMA.

#### Belgium:

- Restaurants and bars in Belgium will open for indoor dining and drinking until 11:30PM on 9 June, and people who are fully vaccinated will be exempt from testing when they return from abroad, the government said on Friday.
- Large events of up to 75,000 people can be held from 13 August.

#### Italy:

- Families with children under 12 could access two free Covid-19 tests per week to get the 'green pass' for travel under new [proposals](#)
- The 'green pass' for travel and large events currently exists in paper format and is expected to be available in digital format by the end of June.

France:

- From 9 June, France will [remove](#) the need for coronavirus tests for vaccinated Europeans and begin allowing vaccinated tourists from most of the rest of the world with a negative test.

Germany:

- [From](#) 7 June, everybody twelve and over in Germany will be able to register for a coronavirus vaccine.

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