

COVID-19 EU Briefing 08 June 2021

Recovery

COVID-19 Vaccine

- The **European Medical Agency** COVID-19 taskforce is [advising](#) healthcare professionals in the EU to consider recommendations when assessing people with signs and symptoms of **thrombosis with thrombocytopenia syndrome** (TTS) following vaccination with COVID-19 Vaccine **Vaxzevria** and **Janssen**.
- For the management of suspected TTS, especially if no local guideline is available, the taskforce recommends that healthcare professionals consider the ISTH interim guidance on vaccine-induced immune thrombotic thrombocytopenia (VITT).
- The advice from the taskforce follows EMA's review of TTS, a very rare event following vaccination with Vaxzevria and COVID-19 Vaccine Janssen.

Moderna:

- Moderna [announced](#) on Monday it has submitted applications to the European and Canadian health regulators seeking authorization for the expanded use of its COVID-19 vaccine in adolescents.

COVAX:

- Emerging powers among G20 countries including China, Brazil and India are being pressed to contribute urgent financing and COVID-19 vaccines for the COVAX dose-sharing facility, the World Health Organization and a Norwegian official [said](#) on Monday.

European Institutions

- The European Parliament has returned to Strasbourg this week for a hybrid plenary session. There will however be still a very limited number of people travelling to Strasbourg. Those travelling will have to respect the French curfew and will need to quarantine upon their return to Belgium.

Member States

Slovakia

- Slovakia will [recognise](#) Hungarian vaccination certificates, including the cards of those who received the Russian or Chinese jabs in an announcement made by Slovak Foreign Secretary Martin Klus. Slovak Foreign affairs Minister Ivan Korčok expected the Russian vaccine to be accepted for all foreigners.
- Slovakia and Hungary agreed at the end of May to accept each other's vaccination certificates
- The country also [became](#) the EU's second country to start inoculating people with the Sputnik V vaccine on Monday.

Estonia/Finland

- Estonian Prime Minister Kaja Kallas will hold [talks](#) on Friday with the ambassador of Finland. The Estonian PM called the travel restrictions in place by Finland "not proportionate." On Friday, the Finnish interior ministry decided that travelling to work in Finland from Estonia will be allowed only by plane, but not via ferry. The restriction will be in place until 27 June.

Belgium

- Mayors [announce](#) that from tomorrow in the Brussels region you no longer need to wear a mask outdoors and you can now have a drink after 10pm

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