

## **COVID-19 EU Briefing 21 July 2021**

### **Recovery**

#### Vaccines:

- The EMA has started a rolling [review](#) of **Vidprevty**, a COVID-19 vaccine developed by **Sanofi Pasteur**. The decision to start the rolling review is based on preliminary results from laboratory studies and early clinical studies in adults.
- Scientists are [working](#) on a **benchmark** for COVID-19 vaccine efficacy that would allow drugmakers to conduct smaller, speedier human trials to get them to market. Researchers are trying to determine just what level of COVID-19 antibodies a vaccine must produce to provide protection against the illness.
- **Catalent** plans a \$100 million [expansion](#) of its plant in Anagni, Italy, where the contract drug manufacturer is currently filling vials of COVID-19 vaccines for AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson
- Novartis is still [helping](#) CureVac make COVID-19 vaccines and could expand its capacity to assist other vaccine manufacturers as well, finance chief Harry Kirsch told reporters

### **Member States**

#### Czech Republic:

- Unvaccinated travellers and those who have not recovered from COVID-19 [from](#) the Netherlands, the Azores, Cyprus, Andorra, Luxembourg, and Malta will now be subject to the testing and self-isolation requirements as these countries have been listed on Czechia's red category.

#### Cyprus:

- The Cypriot government has [removed](#) Liechtenstein, France, Denmark, and Finland from the list of countries considered safe based on their epidemiological situation

#### Denmark:

- Travellers from Greece entering Denmark will be [required](#) to follow the entry rules as Greece moved from the green to the yellow category. The regions of Eastern Macedonia, Thrace, Northern Aegean Sea, Central Macedonia, Western Macedonia, Western Greece, Ionian Islands, Central Greece, and the Peloponnese remain on the green list.

#### France:

- Following the [protests](#) of over 100,000 people against the new scheme to encourage vaccinations the government has made concessions, including lowering fines for noncompliance, pushing back deadlines and changing the rules for shopping centres. A group of senators have indicated they will refer the bill to France's Constitutional Council.

Portugal:

- Portugal should reach herd [immunity](#) by the end of the summer, Prime Minister António Costa said, adding that this creates “a very important moment for confidence and total liberation of society.”

Slovakia:

- Only the fully vaccinated against COVID-19 will be able to [attend](#) the meeting with Pope Francis, who will visit Slovakia in September

Spain:

- 50.7% of the national population have [received](#) two doses of Pfizer BioNTech, Moderna or AstraZeneca, or a single dose of the Janssen vaccine, the ministry said over the weekend.

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