

COVID 19 NEWS UPDATED: 27/05/2020

Overview of measures by Member States, EC and River Commissions and international labour organisations

European Commission

Guidelines 20201603 (attachment)

EU Member States join forces to keep priority traffic moving 18/03/2020

Informal high-level videoconference of EU Transport Ministers

https://ec.europa.eu/transport/news/2020-03-18-covid-19-keep-priority-traffic-moving_en

Guidelines for border management measures to protect health and ensure the availability of goods and essential services

https://ec.europa.eu/home-affairs/sites/homeaffairs/files/what-we-do/policies/european-agenda-migration/20200316_covid-19-guidelines-for-border-management.pdf

Temporary State aid measures to support the economy

A Commission proposal to apply full flexibility to EU State aid rules to support businesses during this unprecedented situation. The proposal has two aims – to ensure businesses have the liquidity to keep operating, or temporarily freeze their activities, and to make sure that support for businesses in on EU Member State does not undermine the unity that the EU needs.

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/STATEMENT_20_479

Overview of national measures by Member State

https://ec.europa.eu/transport/coronavirus-response_en

Tourism and transport: Commission's guidance on how to safely resume travel and reboot Europe's tourism in 2020 and beyond

The Commission presents a package of guidelines and recommendations to help Member States gradually lift travel restrictions and allow tourism businesses to reopen, after months of lockdown, while respecting necessary health precautions.

The package also aims to help the EU tourism sector recover from the pandemic, by supporting businesses and ensuring that Europe continues to be the number one destination for visitors.

The Commission's Tourism and Transport package includes an [overall strategy towards recovery in 2020 and beyond](#), a common approach [to restoring free movement and lifting restrictions at EU internal borders in a gradual and coordinated way](#), a framework to support the [gradual re-establishment of transport whilst ensuring the safety of passengers and personnel](#), a recommendation which aims to make [travel vouchers an attractive alternative to cash reimbursement for consumers](#)

and criteria for [restoring tourism activities safely and gradually and for developing health protocols for hospitality establishments such as hotels](#).

A [press release](#) and a [Q&A](#) with more information are available online.

CCNR:

Resolution on exceptional measures in response to the coronavirus pandemic:

<https://www.ccr-zkr.org/13070000-en.html>

Dedicated webpage with overview of rules in CCNR Member States:

<https://www.ccr-zkr.org/13070000-en.html>

Danube Commission:

Dedicated webpage with overview of rules in Danubian States

<https://www.danubecommission.org/dc/en/2020/03/17/information-regarding-the-status-of-all-national-covid-19-restrictions-for-danube/>

The “Secrétariat de la Commission du Danube” added to them detailed web based information on COVID-19 for Danube navigation:

(<https://www.danubecommission.org/dc/en/2020/05/12/information-regarding-the-status-of-all-national-covid-19-restrictions-for-danube/>) the status regarding crew change regulations. This shall provide an easier accessible overview for the industry:

http://www.ebu-uenf.org/wp-content/uploads/Crew-change-Danube_2020-05-15.pdf

EBU and joint PRESS RELEASE:

- [COVID-19: INLAND NAVIGATION IS DELIVERING VITAL SERVICES TO THE EUROPEAN CITIZENS AND ECONOMY. THE FREE MOVEMENT OF VESSELS AND CREW MEMBERS MUST BE GUARANTEED BY MEMBER STATES IN ORDER TO KEEP ESSENTIAL FREIGHT FLOWS RUNNING](#)
- [Joint Statement: COVID-19 | Transport keeps us going](#)
- [REQUESTED SUPPORT MEASURES BY THE IWT SECTOR TO OVERCOME THE COVID-19 CRISIS AND TO DELIVER THE GREEN DEAL](#)
- [Impact of COVID-19 crisis on inland navigation and Naiades III as recovery strategy](#)
- [IGRC and EBU released the guidelines for a minimum standard for the resumption of river cruises in Europe after COVID-19.](#)
- Guideline for a Minimum Standard for the Resumption of River Cruises in Europe under COVID-19 in [English](#), [German](#) and [French](#).

ETF and ILO (labour organisations):

ILO's preliminary assessment concerning the possible impacts of COVID-19 on the world of work and proposes a range of policy options to mitigate these impacts and facilitate strong and fast recovery

https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_738742/lang--en/index.htm

Based on different scenarios for the impact of COVID-19 on global GDP growth, at this point the ILO estimates indicate a rise in global unemployment of between 5.3 million ("low" scenario) and 24.7 million ("high" scenario) from a base level of 188 million in 2019. By comparison, the 2008-9 global financial crisis increased global unemployment by 22 million. According to the note COVID-19 and the subsequent economic shocks will impact the world of work across three key dimensions: 1) The quantity of jobs (both unemployment and underemployment); 2) The quality of work (e.g. wages and access to social protection); and 3) Effects on specific groups who are more vulnerable to adverse labour market outcomes.

The note calls for urgent, large-scale and coordinated measures across three pillars: protecting workers in the workplace, stimulating the economy and employment, and supporting jobs and incomes.

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