Overview of the EU support package

The EU is mobilising a package of **over €410 million** in reallocated bilateral financial assistance to support the Western Balkans during the coronavirus emergency.

- **€38 million** of immediate funding to address the most pressing medical equipment and protection needs.
- **€374 million** in short to medium term assistance to support the social and economic recovery of the region.
- Ensuring the flow of essential goods, expanding Green Lanes within the region.

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**
- €7 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €73.3 million of support for the social and economic recovery

**Montenegro**
- €3 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €50 million of support for the social and economic recovery

**Albania**
- €4 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €46.7 million of support for the social and economic recovery

**Serbia**
- €15 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €78.4 million of support for the social and economic recovery

**Kosovo* **
- €5 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €63 million of support for the social and economic recovery

**North Macedonia**
- €4 million of immediate support for the health sector
- €62 million of support for the social and economic recovery

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*
What is the EU already doing for the Western Balkans to address the Coronavirus emergency? Examples

Bosnia and Herzegovina

• The EU signed a financial package with UNDP for €2 million assistance, for medical protective equipment and 80 respirators, 50% more than what the country had in March.

• The EU launched the digital campaign #StayHome involving VIP personalities encouraging people not to leave their home, the campaign Heroes of the Day, praising people that must work and a digital campaign to tackle disinformation about coronavirus.

Serbia

• The EU financed the transport of two cargo planes carrying more than 130 tons emergency medical supplies and equipment to combat the coronavirus.

Montenegro

• The EU distributed 600 emergency aid packages for 400 Roma and Egyptian families in Nikšić, Berane, Bijelo Polje and Herceg Novi.

Kosovo

• The EU has launched a social media campaign sharing informative tips on how people should protect themselves during the coronavirus emergency.

Albania

• The EU launched a social media campaign raising awareness on how to behave during the coronavirus emergency, especially targeted at the most vulnerable.

North Macedonia

• The EU is in the process of financing a TV show promoting the #StayHome campaign.

Additional support measures are coming in the next days.
As part of its global response to the coronavirus outbreak, the European Commission is mobilising an emergency support package for Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, the Republic of Moldova, and Ukraine:

**Responding to immediate needs:**

- **Support to the health sector (€30 million)**
  - Working with the WHO to supply medical devices and personal equipment such as ventilators, laboratory kits, masks, goggles, gowns, and safety suits.
  - Training medical and laboratory staff, and raising awareness across the six countries.

- **Support for the most vulnerable groups in society (€11.3 million)**
  - Grants of up to €60,000 to civil society organisations to respond to immediate needs, such as supporting local schools with distance learning – already available through the EU’s regional “Rapid Response Mechanism”.
  - Launch of the “Eastern Partnership Solidarity Programme” to target the most affected parts of the populations, with sub-grants to smaller, local organisations.

**Limiting the social and economic impact:**

Working closely with International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and financing institutions from EU Member States to provide a coordinated European response as **TEAM EUROPE**:

- **New €100 million support programme to help SMEs, including self-employed and others to easily access credit and boost their businesses after the crisis.**
- **€200 million of existing credit lines and grants to SMEs in local currency through the EU4Business Initiative.**
- **€500 million available for the EU’s Neighbourhood through the EU’s major de-risking instrument, the European Fund for Sustainable Development (EFSD) to rapidly provide liquidity across the region.**
What is the EU already doing for the Eastern Partnership to face the coronavirus emergency?

Armenia
- Over 3000 vulnerable households, with elderly people and people with disabilities and large families in Shirak, Tavush and Lori regions will receive humanitarian aid packages thanks to the support of the European Union.

Azerbaijan
- With EU funds the Ganja Vocational Education and Training school will purchase equipment machinery to produce masks for the Ganja area.

Belarus
- Thanks to EU cross border cooperation projects linking communities in Belarus, Ukraine and Poland, emergency medical services such as ambulances and respirators are available in the hospitals to help doctors fight against the coronavirus pandemic.

Georgia
- A Georgian producer of medical textiles has produced 40,000 medical gowns within a week after he was able to purchase 12 additional sewing machines thanks to a micro-grant provided by the EU.

Republic of Moldova
- EU projects in Moldova are already working to provide protection sets such as gloves and masks for vulnerable people and medical staff, as well as sterilizers for equipment across the country.

Ukraine
- EU supports the building of community resilience through assistance to vulnerable people, transition to online education, fighting disinformation and strengthening cultural diversity and creativity online.