

Meeting of the Commission's advisory panel on COVID-19 - agenda

Monday 30/03/2020 at 20:00

Points for discussion (leading to possible recommendations)

1. Criteria for lifting the social distancing measures and modelling

- Discussion on the basis of ECDC/JRC input
- Priority list of measures to be lifted and sequence of lifting – What goes out first?
- Testing – Is it possible to agree on testing protocols (what tests, how to test, who to test)? Should the EU mobilise joint procurement instruments already at this stage?
- What additional resources and capacities are needed by Member States to be in place before reducing social containment measures – e.g. for contact tracing and isolation?
- Acquired immunity – what is the role of testing to establish levels of immunity acquired in individuals or groups? should we prioritise specific populations (e.g. healthcare workers, etc.)?
- Modelling – Are the assumptions the right ones? What questions do we need to ask to the modellers?
- What is the communication approach to the public?
How to incorporate that lifting of measures cannot be done in unison across the EU given the different scenarios of countries. Lifting of measures therefore needs to be proportional to countries and their own national regional situations?

2. Differences in figures between countries

- Is there a scientific consensus on the factors explaining the different numbers of reported deaths (e.g. ES/IT vs. DE)?
- Is there a way of harmonising the way these figures are collected so that they are comparable?

3. Any other business

- Possible topics for next discussion (including European guidelines on cross-border mobility of Covid-19 patients)