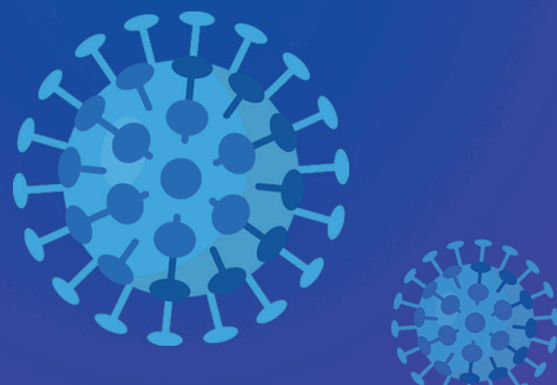




# EU response to the coronavirus pandemic in the Western Balkans



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#Coronavirus

## 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, mostly implemented through UN agencies, 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  
**€73.5 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** 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 provided **€2 million** to equip hospitals with 7,500 testing kits as well as 80 respirators, and 15,000 protective visors.
- 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.



#OstaniKući  
#OstaniDoma  
#StayHome

### Serbia

- The EU funded **€2 million** for five cargo planes transporting more than 280 tons of emergency medical supplies procured by Serbia.
- Another **€4.9 million** have been provided to procure medical supplies for vulnerable groups in society.



### Albania

- The EU provided **€4 million** to procure immediate lifesaving medical equipment, including 5 fully equipped ambulances, respirators, digital mobile x-rays and state of the art equipment for intensive care.
- More than 400 Roma families have received aid packages.
- The EU launched a **social media campaign** raising awareness on how to behave during the coronavirus emergency, especially targeted at the most vulnerable.

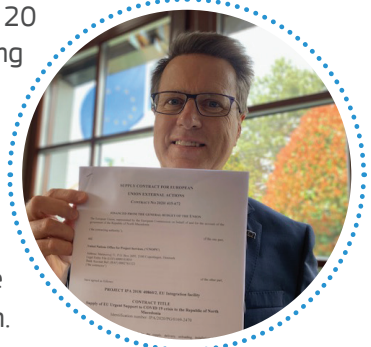


### Montenegro

- The EU provided **€3 million** to procure medical equipment, including 100 respirators, ten mobile X-ray devices, 85,000 masks, 80,000 gloves and 50,000 other protective gear.
- The EU distributed **600 emergency aid packages** for 400 Roma and Egyptian families in Nikšić, Berane, Bijelo Polje and Herceg Novi.

### North Macedonia

- The EU provided **€4 million** to procure medical equipment and supplies, including 20 respirators, 5000 testing sets and substantial quantities of personal protective equipment
- The EU is in the process of financing a TV show promoting the **#StayHome** campaign.



### Kosovo

- The EU provided **€5 million** to procure laboratory and protection equipment, including 30 respirators, 5 fully equipped ambulances and 400 hospital beds.
- The EU has launched a **social media campaign** sharing informative tips on how people should protect themselves during the coronavirus emergency.



**Additional €290 million have been identified to help the socio-economic recovery of the whole region.**