

EU response to the coronavirus pandemic in the Western Balkans



March 2020
#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
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

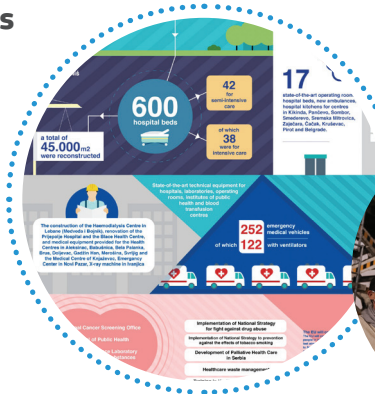
What is the EU already doing for the Western Balkans to address the Coronavirus emergency? *Examples*

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- The EU 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.



#OstaniKući
#OstaniDoma
#StayHome



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.

Albania

Albania

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



Kosovo

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



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.