Tracking Health Systems Response to COVID-19

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- OBS supports and promotes evidence-based health policy-making through comprehensive and rigorous analysis of the dynamics of health care systems in Europe.

- OBS engages directly with policy-makers and experts, and works in partnership with research centres, governments and international organizations to analyse health systems and policy trends.

- Partnership hosted by the WHO/Europe

COVID-19 Heath Systems Response Monitor (HSRM)

www.covid19healthsystem.org

- HSRM platform is a publicly available online resource that collects and organises information on how health systems are responding to COVID-19
- It is structured and updated to help policy makers review what is happening country by country and issue by issue
- Country-specific responses across Europe + USA and Canada reported by country experts from OBS Health Systems and Policies Monitor Network
- Information is collected systematically and regularly (starting April 2020) based on the standard template

Country information collection and template

POLICY RESPONSES

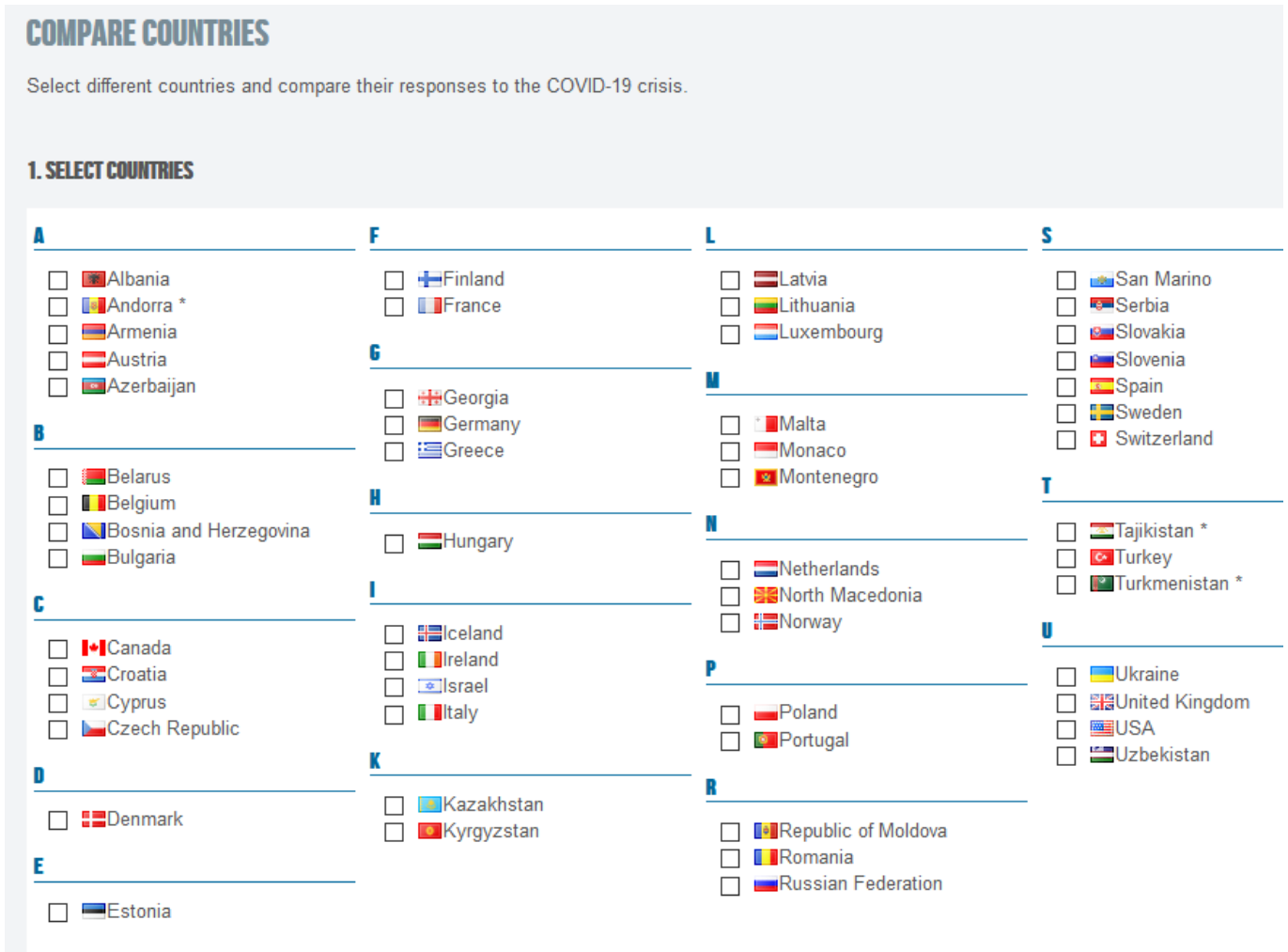
All

1. Preventing Transmission
   - 1.1 Health communication
   - 1.2 Physical distancing
   - 1.3 Isolation and quarantine
   - 1.4 Monitoring and surveillance
   - 1.5 Testing
2. Ensuring sufficient physical infrastructure and workforce capacity
   - 2.1 Physical infrastructure
   - 2.2 Workforce
3. Providing health services effectively
   - 3.1 Planning services
   - 3.2 Managing cases
   - 3.3 Managing essential services
4. Paying for services
   - 4.1 Health financing
   - 4.2 Entitlement and coverage
5. Governance
6. Measures in other sectors

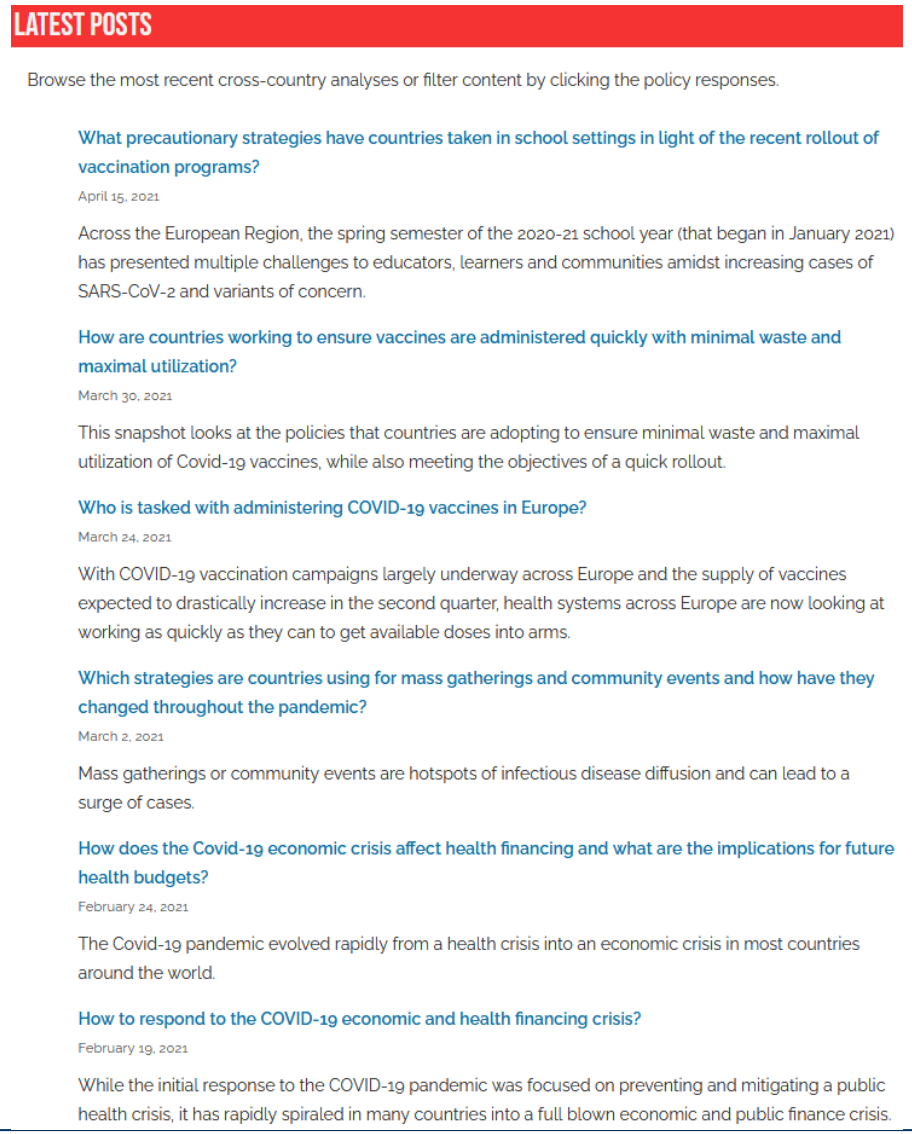
Regular revisions of the standard template to reflect the pandemic response development, e.g.:

- Transiting in and out of lockdowns;
- Vaccination planning, distribution and access;
- Expansion of testing strategy, genetic sequencing;
- Counteracting dis- and mis- information, vaccine hesitancy;
- Financing health services in 2021;
- Role of GPs and primary care;
- Supporting health workforce;
- Maintaining access to essential services.

Cross-country comparison tool



Cross-country analysis



LATEST POSTS

Browse the most recent cross-country analyses or filter content by clicking the policy responses.

What precautionary strategies have countries taken in school settings in light of the recent rollout of vaccination programs?

April 15, 2021

Across the European Region, the spring semester of the 2020-21 school year (that began in January 2021) has presented multiple challenges to educators, learners and communities amidst increasing cases of SARS-CoV-2 and variants of concern.

How are countries working to ensure vaccines are administered quickly with minimal waste and maximal utilization?

March 30, 2021

This snapshot looks at the policies that countries are adopting to ensure minimal waste and maximal utilization of Covid-19 vaccines, while also meeting the objectives of a quick rollout.

Who is tasked with administering COVID-19 vaccines in Europe?

March 24, 2021

With COVID-19 vaccination campaigns largely underway across Europe and the supply of vaccines expected to drastically increase in the second quarter, health systems across Europe are now looking at working as quickly as they can to get available doses into arms.

Which strategies are countries using for mass gatherings and community events and how have they changed throughout the pandemic?

March 2, 2021

Mass gatherings or community events are hotspots of infectious disease diffusion and can lead to a surge of cases.

How does the Covid-19 economic crisis affect health financing and what are the implications for future health budgets?

February 24, 2021

The Covid-19 pandemic evolved rapidly from a health crisis into an economic crisis in most countries around the world.

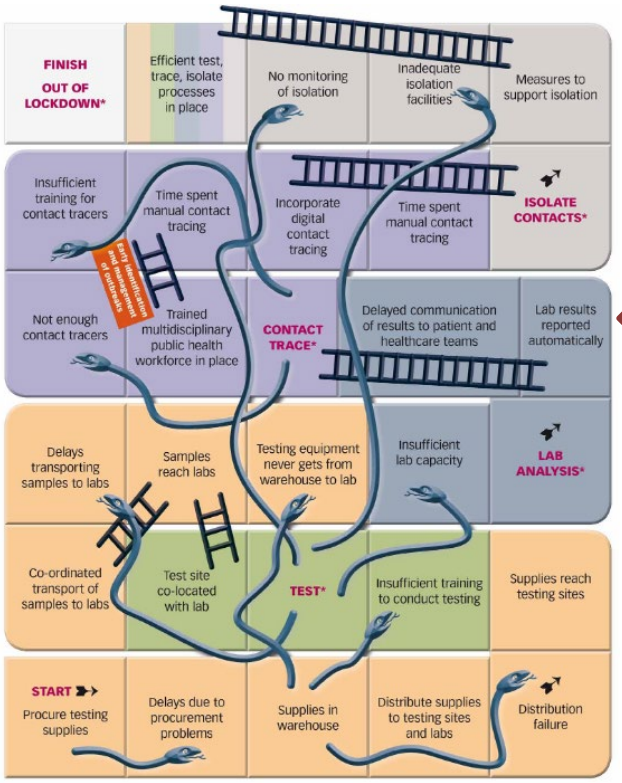
How to respond to the COVID-19 economic and health financing crisis?

February 19, 2021

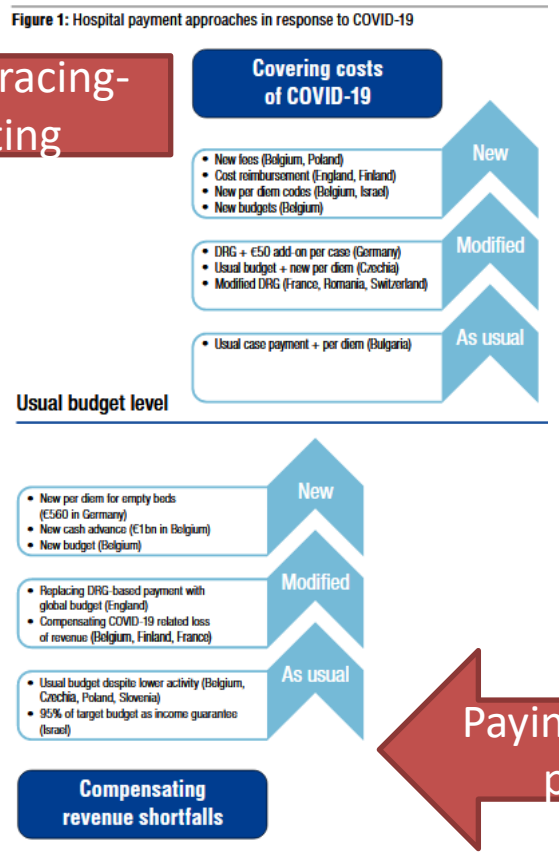
While the initial response to the COVID-19 pandemic was focused on preventing and mitigating a public health crisis, it has rapidly spiraled in many countries into a full blown economic and public finance crisis.

- HSRM's "policy snapshots" contain analysis that builds on country comparisons to generate policy relevant insights
- Policy snapshots are developed in response to policy makers' questions from countries, WHO and the EC, and topical issues
- The cross-country analysis tool responds to decision-makers and new snapshots are developed as policy and practice in countries evolves.

Examples from HSRM policy snapshots

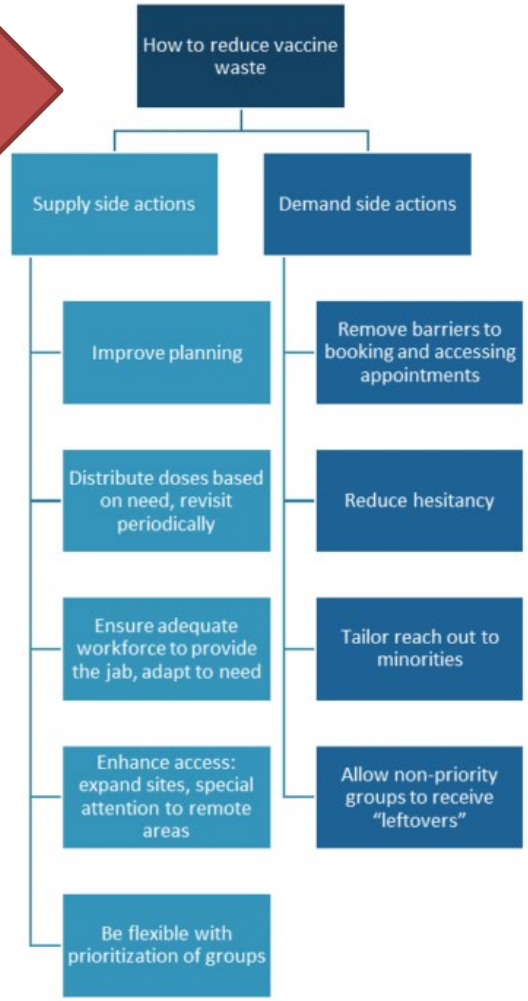


Testing-tracing-isolating



Paying healthcare providers

Implementing vaccination programmes



Other activities

- Eurohealth (November 2020)
- Webinars (Tuesdays 12 noon CET)
- Rapid responses

Watch this space!

- Health Policy Special Issue on COVID-19 response
- Strengthening Health Systems Resilience for COVID-19 (policy brief)
- SoHEU country profiles with OECD

Thank you!

COVID-19 WEBINARS:
Tuesdays, 12:00-13:00 CET (next TBC)
https://www.covid19healthsystem.org/Webinars.aspx

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