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Table 1: Overview of country responses

Country	Reduction in infection rates in vaccinated persons
<b>Austria</b>	There is a reduction in severe cases of vaccinated people. It's a bit premature for this question, in 3-4 weeks we could repeat this question.
<b>Belgium</b>	BE started a vaccination campaign in December. Now 4% above 18 years of age are vaccinated. In communities the numbers of antibodies are rising due to the fact that they already went through an infection.
<b>Croatia</b>	There is no visible reduction in infection rates in vaccinated persons in Croatia at the moment.
<b>Italy</b>	It is yet too early for consolidated information. There is no reduction of infection rates yet. IT started to vaccinate at the end of Dec 2020. By now 1.3 Mio. people are already vaccinated. In addition, 1,8 Mio. completed the first wave of vaccination.
<b>Netherlands</b>	The number of infections among nursing home residents is decreasing in the Netherlands. On the other hand, infections among older people living at home have been on the rise again since last week. The continued significant decrease among nursing home residents indicates that vaccination is having a beneficial effect against the coronavirus. Vaccination in nursing homes started in week 3 of 2021. All the first doses of the vaccines have been administered and administration of the second doses has now started. Starting in late March, all nursing home residents who were not vaccinated in the first round, for example due to illness, will be offered a vaccine again. Once this happens, vaccination of this target group will be completed.  <u>People aged 80 and up</u> Vaccination of people aged 85 and up living at home started in week 4 of 2021, while vaccination of people aged 80 and up living at home started in week 5. By 21 February 2021, at least one dose had been given to 57% of people over 90, and to 61% of the group aged 85-89. Many people in these age groups still have an appointment scheduled to get their first COVID-19 vaccination. More information about the number of vaccines that have been administered can be found at the following link: <a href="https://www.rivm.nl/en/covid-19-vaccination/figures-on-covid-19-vaccination-programme">https://www.rivm.nl/en/covid-19-vaccination/figures-on-covid-19-vaccination-programme</a> .  <a href="https://www.rivm.nl/en/news/first-effects-of-covid-19-vaccination-visible-among-nursing-home-residents">https://www.rivm.nl/en/news/first-effects-of-covid-19-vaccination-visible-among-nursing-home-residents</a>
<b>Norway</b>	NO has no data on infection rates reduction in the vaccinated population. Mostly older people are vaccinated already, and they have mostly mild symptoms after vaccination. There is a positive development visible in vaccinated people.
<b>Slovakia</b>	After 250.000 vaccinations and 250.000 recovered SK should have nearly 10% of population somehow protected. But the infection rate is not reduced due to poor discipline in isolation, and mobility. However, the number of sick health professionals went down to 50% compared to January. Almost all of them are vaccinated or recovered from COVID19. Unable to align the effect to vaccination or recovery.
<b>Spain</b>	ES started vaccination in Dec 2020. They see some reductions of infection numbers, primarily a decrease of outbreaks/infections in elderly homes.
<b>United Kingdom</b>	15 Mio. people got the first dose of the vaccine. There are reports in the media referring to a reduction of around 60-70% 3 weeks after vaccination in the UK.

