



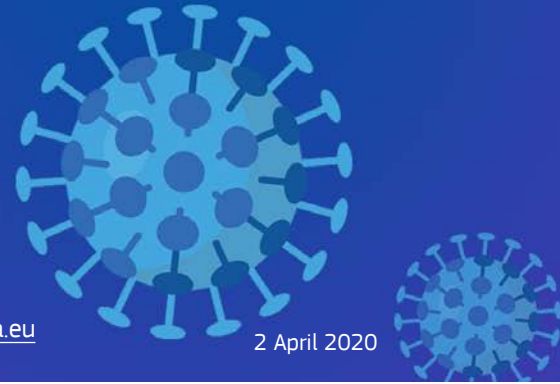
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# Coronavirus: European Solidarity in action

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Across the European Union, countries, regions and cities are stretching out a helping hand to neighbours, helping those most in need. This is European solidarity in action.

For a full overview of the comprehensive EU action to tackle COVID-19, please visit: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response_en)

## Snapshots of European Solidarity



France has donated 1 million masks to Italy and Germany has delivered 7 tons of medical equipment to Italy, including ventilators and anaesthetic masks, helping save lives.



Tens of thousands of European citizens have been repatriated from abroad, with most flights being intra-European.



## European solidarity in treating patients

Cities and states across Germany are treating critically ill patients from **Italy and France**, making their own intensive care capacities available for around 175 Italian and French citizens.

### Germany



For **Italy**, 85 intensive care beds have been reserved in 10 German federal states with 36 Italian patients already transferred to Germany.

For **France**, 98 intensive care beds have been reserved in 10 federal states with 85 French patients already transferred to Germany.

Planes and helicopters operated by the German Airforce picked up intensive care patients from **France and Italy** for treatment in Germany.

Medical staff from the University clinic Jena are supporting a clinic near Naples, Campania.

### Greece



500 mobile medical units co-financed by the **EU** will soon be operational and be able to test citizens at their homes.

### Luxembourg



Seven French intensive care patients from Mulhouse, **France**, were airlifted on 25 March and are being treated in Luxembourg. Another 4 have arrived from Thionville.

Ambulance jets and two helicopters of the Luxembourg Air Rescue were integrated into the French Urgent Medical Aid Service. They have flown French intensive care patients to Hamburg and Dresden, Germany.

### Austria



11 intensive care patients from **Italy** and 3 intensive care patients from **France** are being taken care of in Austrian hospitals. "Given the great drama of the situation, this is only a small contribution, but it is symbolically important that we support Europe," a statement released by the Austrian authorities said.

## European solidarity in protecting health workers and citizens

### Czechia



Czechia offers 10,000 protective suits to **Italy** and another 10,000 to **Spain**.

### Germany



Germany has delivered 7 tons of medical equipment to **Italy**, including ventilators and anaesthetic masks.

### France



France has donated 1 million masks to **Italy** and 20,000 protective suits.

### Austria



Austria transported 1.5 million masks to **Italy**.

### Poland



Poland is sending a dedicated team of 15 Polish doctors and paramedics, certified by the WHO, to a field hospital in Brescia, Lombardy, one of the most affected areas in **Italy**.

## European solidarity in bringing people home\*

### EU



 Since the beginning of the outbreak, on board of over 50 repatriation flights facilitated and co-financed by the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, over **10,000 stranded EU citizens have been brought home** so far. One in three passengers repatriated were European citizens from a different nationality than the country organising the repatriation flight.

Around 170 flights organised by 12 countries are currently planned in the days to come, and seats are always available to other EU and UK nationals. Many more intra-European flights, not through the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, but chartered directly by Member States, are bringing citizens home daily.


### Belgium



 Belgium repatriated citizens of 15 EU countries.


### Czechia



 Czechia has already organized 14 flights and repatriated 542 citizens of 22 EU countries; one flight from Vietnam, under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism, carried 193 Czechs and 85 EU citizens safely to their homes.


### Germany



 Germany has repatriated about 3.000 citizens from various other EU countries.

### Ireland



 Ireland organised a repatriation flight from Peru this week which included citizens of 12 EU countries.

### Spain



 Spain has brought home more than 600 European citizens of 16 EU countries.

\* 11 EU Member States used the Union Civil Protection Mechanism in their repatriation efforts. Most of the flights listed in the factsheet are EU-funded flights. Bilateral solidarity efforts in bringing citizens home are included where these have been expressly flagged to the Commission.

#### France



France repatriated hundreds of citizens of 25 EU countries. A flight from Wuhan, China, in early February carried 64 French citizens and 135 other EU citizens.

#### Italy



Italy repatriated citizens of 6 Member States from Tokyo, Japan.

#### Latvia



Latvia repatriated citizens of 5 Member States.

#### Luxembourg



Luxembourg repatriated citizens of 8 EU countries. A flight from Cabo Verde on 25 March carried just 20 Luxembourgish citizens and 131 other EU citizens.

#### Austria



Austria repatriated citizens of 25 EU Member States on flights organized by Austria from Argentina, Australia, Chile, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Indonesia, Malaysia, Maldives, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Thailand, Tunisia, UK, US, Vietnam.

**Many more EU citizens have been repatriated by European flights not under the EU Civil Protection Mechanism. For example:**

#### Denmark



A Danish flight just brought home 105 Danes and another 179 Europeans from the Philippines.

#### Hungary



Hungary has brought back home citizens of 6 EU countries.

#### Netherlands



The Netherlands has brought back over 230 citizens of various EU countries home from Spain, Portugal, The Gambia, Cape Verde, Peru and Turkey.

#### Portugal



Portugal helped bringing home citizens from 16 EU countries.

#### Slovakia



Slovakia arranged for a flight from the US repatriating 300 EU citizens from 4 Member States. Six other flights are already planned.

#### Germany



Support to 600 Estonians, Latvians and Lithuanians to return home by ferry.

#### Lithuania



Lithuania helped bring home more than 400 citizens of 6 EU countries return home from Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia and South America.

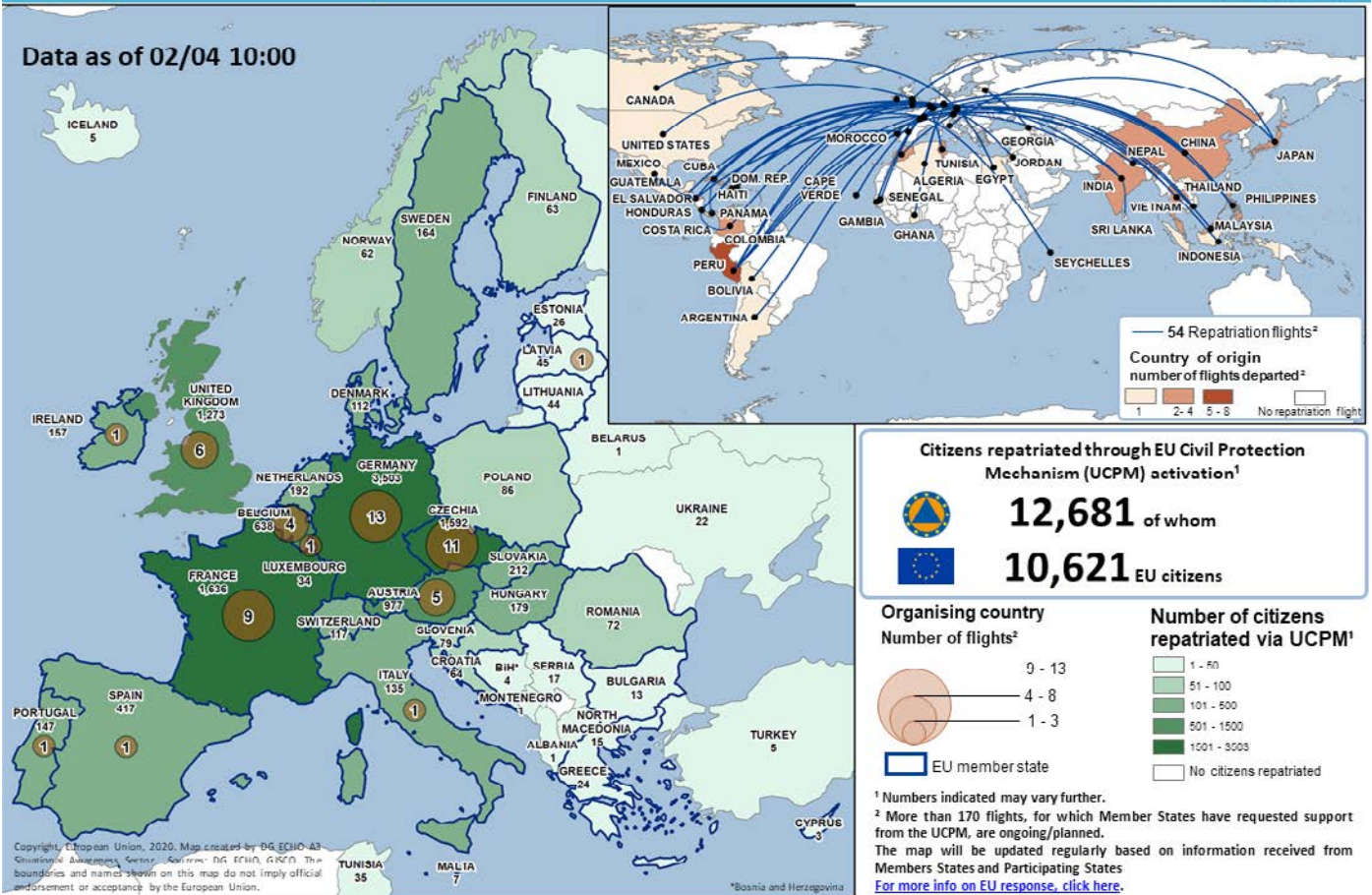


Polish LOT airlines has helped repatriating citizens from 18 EU countries.

#### Poland



Poland offered citizens of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania ferries and dedicated trains to ensure their safe journey home. Poland also organised 18 convoys of over 800 vehicles, escorted by the Polish Police, to help than 2.000 citizens of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania to return home safely.



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