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## European Institutions



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## International Organisations



## Action Plan Guidance COVID-19 Preparedness and Response

World Health Organization

WHO designed a tool to support implementation and monitoring of an effective action plan for communicating effectively with the public, engaging with communities, local partners and other stakeholders during COVID-19 outbreak.

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## How to keep children and schools safe?

World Health Organization

IFRC, UNICEF and WHO issued new guidance to help protect children from transmission of the COVID-19 virus. It provides critical considerations and practical checklists to keep schools safe. It also advises national and local authorities on how to adapt and implement emergency plans for educational facilities.

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## Shortage of personal protective equipment endangering health workers worldwide

### World Health Organization

Rising demand, panic buying, hoarding and misuse caused a disruption to the global supply of personal protective equipment putting lives at risk from the new coronavirus and other infectious diseases.

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## No single country is adequately protecting children's health, their environment and their futures

### World Health Organization

Despite improvements in child and adolescent health over the past 20 years, progress has stalled, and is set to reverse," said former Prime Minister of New Zealand and Co-Chair of the Commission, Helen Clark.

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## Stronger investment in cancer services will help saving 7 million lives

### World Health Organization

WHO spells out the need to step up cancer services in low and middle-income countries. WHO warns that, if current trends continue, the world will see a 60% increase in cancer cases over the next two decades.

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## Obesity and its roots

### World Health Organization - press release

WHO encourages practical solutions to help people achieve and maintain a healthy weight, undertake proper treatment, and reverse the obesity crisis.

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## Civil Society

### Pandemic and access to clean water

#### European Roma Rights Center

Europe must ensure marginalised communities have access to water during pandemic.

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## **Better cancer control, improved cancer care and tackling inequalities throughout the EU**

### **Association of European Cancer Leagues**

Participatory decision-making, social justice and rights-based approach should be at the heart of the developing the Cancer Plan.

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## **Proposal for a Council Recommendation on the Child Guarantee for the wellbeing of all children across the EU**

### **EU Alliance for Investing in Children**

The EU Alliance for Investing in Children welcomes the prioritisation for a European Child Guarantee from the European Commission, European Parliament and interest from Council of the EU.

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## **Why the Child Guarantee Council Recommendation is best launched in 2020**

### **EU Alliance for Investing in Children**

Today, 23 million children grow up at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the EU, especially from vulnerable and disadvantaged groups such as Roma, children in migration, children with disabilities, children living in institutional care, and children of single-parent or large families.

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## **A European Green Deal that leaves no one behind**

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## **Economy that works for people**

### **Social Platform - statement**

Creating an economy that works for people will require extensive changes to our current economic model: only by doing so will we create better living and working conditions and reduce inequalities.

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## **Improving Roma health must be top priority for the post-2020 EU Framework**

### **European Public Health Alliance**

The European Public Health Alliance has once again reiterated calls for Roma health to be put at the heart of the post-2020 Roma Inclusion Framework.

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## Academia

### Health Equity in England: The Marmot Review 10 Years On

**Institute for Health Equity**

Prioritisation and urgent actions are needed for reducing health inequalities.

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### Health and socioeconomic status

**The Lancet**

Socioeconomic disadvantage is a risk factor for many diseases.

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### Social disconnection puts older adults at greater risk of mental health problems

**The Lancet**

Social isolation among older adults is a “serious public health concern” because of their heightened risk of cardiovascular, autoimmune, neurocognitive, and mental health problems.

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### The effect of income-based policies on mortality inequalities in Scotland: a modelling study

**The Lancet**

The unequal distribution of income is a fundamental determinant of health inequalities.

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### Universal Credit and mental health in the UK

**The Lancet**

Mental health in the UK has deteriorated in the past two decades and there is evidence that welfare reforms have contributed to this decline.

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### Lockdowns and homelessness

**The Lancet**

Homeless people are a vulnerable group, and their potential exposure to COVID-19 might negatively affect their ability to be housed, and their mental and physical health.

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## Press



## Inequality, anti-Roma racism, and the coronavirus

EU Observer

All over Europe citizens are urged to self-quarantine and wash their hands with soap and warm water to avoid coronavirus spread. What if there's nowhere to hide, if you live in an overcrowded site or shanty-town, and if you don't have access to clean water and sanitation?

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