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Should governments consider Roma a priority in their Covid-19 vaccination roll-out plans?

Maja Saitovic and Marek Szilvasi

A new paper highlights the toll on COVID-19 on Europe's Roma community and calls on European and national governments to ensure that Roma are included in the COVID-19 vaccines roll-out

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