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## European Institutions and Agencies

### The EC allocates funding to assess the socio-economic impact of the pandemic

**European Commission | Press Release**

The funding will enable researchers to strengthen and adapt industrial capacity to prevent and treat coronavirus, to develop medical technologies and digital tools such as portable diagnostic system, to better understand the societal impacts of the pandemic, for example on vulnerable and marginalised groups, and to learn from large groups of patients (cohorts) across Europe in order to improve treatment.

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### Report from the 13th European Forum on the rights of the child

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### Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy 2021

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### LGBTIQ Equality Strategy - 2020-2025

**European Commission**

The Commission presents its first-ever strategy on LGBTIQ equality in the EU.

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### State of Health in the EU

In-depth analysis of European countries' response to the COVID-19 pandemic using the latest data available.

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### Boosting socio-economic recovery in the Western Balkans

The European Commission welcomes the commitment of the Western Balkan leaders to further strengthen regional cooperation as a way to advance on their European path.

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### EU Cohesion Policy response to the coronavirus crisis

The Commission announces the first provisional results of the implementation of the Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative and Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative Plus.

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### EU4Health: MEPs pave the way for an effective EU health programme

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To close gaps exposed by COVID-19 and ensure that health systems can face future threats to public health, an ambitious EU health programme is needed, say MEPs.

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### InvestEU Fund for sustainable and social investment, MEPs ready for negotiations

**European Parliament**

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### Social cohesion can be the driver of Europe's recovery.

**EESC**

The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) highlights the need for the social, economic and environmental impact of the coronavirus crisis to be duly taken into account in future EU territorial policies.

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### The European Economic and Social Committee has adopted an opinion on decent minimum wages across Europe.

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### Almost half of the Roma and Travellers living in Western Europe face widespread discrimination

#### EU Fundamental Rights Agency

The survey provides unique data and information demonstrating widespread discrimination against Roma and Travellers in access to social and economic rights and essential services.

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### Access to remedy for victims of business and human rights abuses

#### EU Fundamental Rights Agency

A new report looks at the realities victims face when they seek redress for business-related human rights abuses. It presents the findings of fieldwork research on the views of professionals regarding the different ways people can pursue complaints.

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### Child protection guide now available in 12 languages

#### EU Fundamental Rights Agency

The guide provides practical suggestions on how to identify, refer and support children who are found in need of protection, without parental care, in another EU Member State.

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### Updating the handbook on European child rights law

#### EU Fundamental Rights Agency

This handbook aims to illustrate how European law and case law accommodate the specific interests and needs of children.

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### COVID-19 Health System Response Monitor

#### European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies

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### COVID-19 crisis puts migration and progress on integration at risk

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## World Health Organization

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[WHO launches portal for global data on the health and well-being of older people](#)

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[“Dancing with elephants: new partnerships for health, democracy, business”](#)

[Decade of Healthy Ageing Connection Series No. 1 - COVID-19](#)

[A survey reveals high prevalence of noncommunicable disease risk factors in Ukraine](#)

## Civil Society



Watch the online discussion and catch up on the highlights from the event last month which launched the [Roma Health Network](#)

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### Downgrading EU health action is the wrong answer to the coronavirus crisis

#### European Public Health Alliance

EPHA releases an open letter calling for solidarity between national governments and stronger efforts to protect and improve individual and communities' health.

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### Tackle child poverty by expanding the scope of the EU Child Guarantee

#### European Public Health Alliance

EPHA, ISSA and REYN call for the expansion of the scope of the European Child Guarantee in order to provide a comprehensive and holistic framework comprising measures targeting Roma children.

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### Health inequalities: a persistent obstacle for Roma equality and inclusion

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### A reproductive justice lens in COVID19 times: the rights of Roma girls

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## Adequate Minimum Income: Enable people to Thrive and not just Survive

### Social Platform

Adequate minimum income plays a key role in reducing the depth of poverty and persisting inequalities in different areas of life. It forms the basis on which comprehensive, high-quality and universal social protection systems should be built and is key to enabling inclusion and full participation in society.

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## Defending Human rights in times of border militarization

### Human Rights 360

A NGO report underlines the increase in human rights violations of newcomers, including, but not limited to, their right to non-refoulement, the prohibition of torture, and their right to have access to the asylum process, making a joint European response highly needed.

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## "Promoting shared prosperity in the European Semester: taking stock of the 2020 cycle and launching the 2021 Semester "

### Eurodiaconia

A NGO report aims to look back over the 2020 Semester cycle and chart its developments during the past twelve months, especially in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as looking forward to the 2021 Semester in the context of the Recovery and Resilience Facility and the Green Deal.

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## "EATG COVID-19 Rapid Assessment Bulletin #4"

### EATG

The novel virus SARS-COV-2 has created global turbulence since it first emerged. Infection control measures led to the closure of clinical and community spaces to ensure the protection of personnel and health service users. Data collected confirm that access to testing, treatment, and support services for people affected by HIV have been difficult for a range of reasons, affecting health outcomes, quality of life, and morbidity.

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## All-consuming: building a healthier food system for people and planet

### UK Health Alliance on Climate Change

Changing our diet in a way that reduces its environmental impact can also improve our health, says the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change.

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## A new campaign promotes inclusiveness at workspaces

### ERGO Network

A new Europe-wide Campaign on employment aims to raise awareness of the benefits of inclusive and diverse workplaces.

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Migrant integration policies at the local level in Belgium

**CESP**

A new paper addresses the integration of migrants in Belgium focusing on economic integration outcomes, comparing employment rates between immigrants and the native population.

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Facilitating equal access to primary care for all: work experiences of health mediators in a primary health care model programme in Hungary

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Conceptualization of Roma in Policy Documents Related to Social Inclusion and Health in the Czech Republic

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