COVID-19: overview of the OSCE participating States' responses

Border Control Measures

During the past week, the overall number of infections and deaths in the OSCE region has increased from approx. 18,131 to 2,2 million (approx. 23%) and from 150,000 to 189,000 (30%) respectively, which mirrors the pandemic's growth pattern, although at a slower rate (reductions in both curves were of approx. 50%). Additionally, OSCE participating States (hereafter States) have further expanded their testing capacity: currently conducting, on average, 84,000 tests per million inhabitants, showing an increase of 31% from last week (64,205).

The number of States having reported more than 1,000 COVID-19-related deaths has increased by 13% (in one weekly accounting, for 42 out of 57 States. There are now 16 States (10% last week) that have surpassed the 10,000 infections threshold, out of which 7 (USA, Spain, France, Germany, UK and Turkey) reported more than 100,000 cases each, for a total of approx. 1,845,000 infections. The figure accounts for 83% of the overall number of infections in the OSCE area. Over the past 2 weeks, the total number of infections in these 7 States has grown by 12% (from 1,000 to 1,845,000 cases) 2 States (Iceland and Turkmenistan) continue to report no infections.

Some participating States (hereafter States) have implemented controls on the entry of foreigners, while others have suspended international travel. In mid-March, the EU agreed to temporarily restrict all non-essential travel from third countries (reductions in both curves was of approx. 50%). Additionally, OSCE participating States (hereafter States) have further expanded their testing capacity: currently conducting, on average, 84,000 tests per million inhabitants, showing an increase of 31% from last week (64,205).

The overview of the OSCE participating States' responses to the COVID-19 pandemic has been collated for informative and comparative purposes based on open data available for 5 States (9%).

5 States (37%) report more than 1,000 COVID-19 related deaths, amounting to the vast majority (96%) of COVID-19 victims in the OSCE region. In total, these countries recorded approx. 189,000 deaths. The remaining 45 States (approx. 40%) are distributed among the other 45 States. 5 States continue to report more than 10,000 victims (USA, Spain, Italy, France and UK), for a total of approx. 189,000 deaths (50,000 last week), representing approx. 80% of the overall victims in the OSCE region. In total, these 7 States have recorded approx. 189,000 victims (50,000 last week), representing approx. 80% of the overall victims in the OSCE region.

Currently, 45 States (79%) have conducted more than 1,000 COVID-19-related tests per million inhabitants, which shows an increase of 75% (from 5 States) compared to last week and of 28% (vs 37%) compared to the second week of April. Notably, there are now 19 States which have conducted more than 20,000 tests per million inhabitants (compared to only 5 at the beginning of April). The average testing rate for this group of States is approx. 45,000 tests per million inhabitants, with Iceland, Luxembourg, Malta and San Marino, conducting more than 50,000 tests per million each. Finally, no data was found in 4 cases (7%).

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