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EU reinforces support to address COVID-19 crisis and outlines proposal for post-pandemic recovery in **Western Balkans**

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_20_777

On 5 May, the Council endorsed the proposed €3 billion assistance package to support **neighbouring partners**

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2020/05/05/covid-19-council-greenlights-3-billion-assistance-package-to-support-neighbouring-countries/>

Eurostat COVID-19 dedicated section

<https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/covid-19/overview>

Spring 2020 **Economic Forecast**: A deep and uneven recession, an uncertain recovery

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_20_799

European Commission informs **WTO** on new set of coronavirus measures, including measures to address the economic consequences of the pandemic (24 April 2020)

<https://trade.ec.europa.eu/doclib/press/index.cfm?id=2140>

EC package of measures to further support the **agri-food sector**

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_20_788

Enhanced **WHO-EIB partnership** to combat COVID-19 and build resilient health systems to face future pandemics

<https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2020-109-who-and-eib-strengthen-efforts-to-combat-covid-19-and-build-resilient-health-systems-to-face-future-pandemics>



The **EFCA** Board of Directors and Secretariat are preparing the virtual 2020 General Assembly Meeting. The GAM will be held via a MS Teams videoconference on **4 June 2020** from **10:00** until **12:30**. Voting will take place online. Further information will follow in due time. The GAM papers will be issued on 20 May 2020.

While different European countries currently are at different phases of lifting lockdown measures, it is expected that the Spring 2020 **EFCA Barometer report** will mirror both pre-Corona markets and some (most) early Corona-effects. The report will be issued early June 2020.



FIDIC's Covid-19 webinar series: <https://fidic.org/node/29213>

As part of **Denmark's** COVID-19 strategy, the Danish government has suspended the limit on the construction budget for Danish municipalities. This allows for large-scale energy renovations of e.g. sports facilities that are left empty due to the lockdown. At the same time, the government plans to spend around €4 billion on renovating the country's public housing in 2021-2026.

International Energy Agency report on Covid-19 pandemic's impact on the global energy system

<https://www.iea.org/news/global-energy-demand-to-plunge-this-year-as-a-result-of-the-biggest-shock-since-the-second-world-war>

ICLEI's (Local Governments for Sustainability) World Secretariat is regularly updating a compilation of resources to support cities.

https://iclei.org/en/COVID19_Resources.html.