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Leaders of the 27 EU countries compromised on a €1,074 billion **Multiannual Financial Framework** and the **Recovery Fund** on 21 July

<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/45109/210720-euco-final-conclusions-en.pdf>

EU invests over €2 billion in 140 key **transport projects** to jumpstart the economy

<https://ec.europa.eu/inea/en/news-events/newsroom/boosting-eus-green-recovery-eu-invests-over-€2-billion-140-key-transport>

EC Communication on short-term EU **health preparedness** for future COVID-19 outbreaks

https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/communication-short-term-eu-health-preparedness-future-covid-19-outbreaks_en

The EC amended the regulation supporting countries and regions eligible to the Instrument for **Pre-Accession Assistance for Cross-border Cooperation** (Western Balkans, Turkey and the EU surrounding regions)

https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/newsroom/news/2020/07/07-02-2020-coronavirus-commission-amends-regulation-to-better-support-western-balkans-turkey-and-the-eu-surrounding-regions

The EU – through its **Emergency Trust Fund for Africa** (EUTF) – adopted a new assistance package to protect migrants, stabilise local communities and respond to COVID-19 in North Africa. This package includes €80 million in new funds as well as €30 million reallocated from non-contracted actions under the EUTF.

https://ec.europa.eu/trustfundforafrica/all-news-and-stories/eu-emergency-trust-fund-africa-new-assistance-package-support-vulnerable-groups_en

EIB approves € 16.6 billion for COVID-19 health response and economic resilience, climate, clean transport, energy and housing

<https://www.eib.org/en/press/all/2020-197-eib-approves-eur-16-6-billion-for-covid-19-health-response-and-economic-resilience-climate-clean-transport-energy-and-housing>

Summer 2020 **Economic Forecast**: A deeper recession with wider divergences
https://ec.europa.eu/info/business-economy-euro/economic-performance-and-forecasts/economic-forecasts/summer-2020-economic-forecast-deeper-recession-wider-divergences_en

Studies, published by the Commission's Joint Research Centre, explain the relationship between **human mobility and the spread of coronavirus**, as well as the effectiveness of mobility restriction measures to contain the pandemic
<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/news/coronavirus-mobility-data-provides-insights-virus-spread-and-containment-help-inform-future>

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control: Situation **updates** on COVID-19
<https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/covid-19/situation-updates>



(New) **EFCA** Board members meet virtually prior to the summer recess, thus setting up a closely collaborative group that is contributing to the European industry, finding the path after the pandemic, and supporting Europe to ensure it is fit for the future.

The **EFCA** Board of Directors and the secretariat team wishes you a pleasant and happy holiday!
Please take good care of yourself and your beloved ones and keep safe distances

CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE

UNOPS-supported research, published by The Economist Intelligence Unit, examines the implications of COVID-19 and the opportunity it presents to rethink **approaches to public procurement**

<https://www.developmentaid.org/api/frontend/cms/file/2020/07/Thefutureofpublicspending.pdf>

Covid-19 Newsletter 2: **Exit strategy** / European Parliament / Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2020/652710/IPOL_BRI\(2020\)652710_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2020/652710/IPOL_BRI(2020)652710_EN.pdf)

Survey commissioned by the European Parliament (second half of June 2020): nearly seven out of ten respondents (68%) want a stronger **role for the EU** in fighting this crisis

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/resources/library/media/20200713RES83231/20200713RES83231.pdf>

Energy Policy Tracker database: latest information about COVID-19 government policy responses from a climate and energy perspective (weekly updated)

<https://www.energypolicytracker.org/>

Impact of ultra low yields on the insurance sector, including first effects of COVID-19 crisis

https://www.eiopa.europa.eu/content/impact-ultra-low-yields-insurance-sector-including-first-effects-covid-19-crisis_en

U.S. states: State-by-State Coronavirus Construction Status Updates

<https://www.enr.com/articles/49013-state-by-state-coronavirus-construction-status-updates>

OECD report on **unemployment**

The COVID-19 pandemic is causing a much more serious employment crisis than the one that followed after the 2008 recession.

<http://www.oecd.org/sdd/labour-stats/urgent-action-needed-to-stop-jobs-crisis-becoming-a-social-crisis.htm>