



Research Package

MP OPEN CALL #6 Your Direct Line to Europe's Policymakers

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COVID-19: VACCINATION ROLLOUT

Package 1: EUROPEAN RESPONSE

Rollout | [Vaccine Tracker of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control](#)

This tool lets you explore how vaccination has progressed in EU member states – showing vaccination rates per country, differentiating between target groups and the different vaccine products.

EU View | [EU Action in 2021](#)

Here the European Parliament offers an overview of steps taken to battle Covid-19 in 2021. You can also compare with the [2020 timeline](#).

Council of Europe | [PACE Vaccination Resolution](#)

Ethical, legal, and practical considerations on the rollout formulated by the parliamentary assembly of the Council of Europe on 27 January 2021.

Analysis | [Why is Europe Falling behind on Vaccines?](#)

This *Foreign Policy* article scrutinizes which factors have led to the EU's slow vaccine rollout, citing a combination of low vaccine stockpiles, bad contracts, and risk-averse policymakers.

Green Passport | [Europe Is Considering Vaccine Passports. Should the Rest of the World Catch Up?](#)

Time Magazine answers key questions about the privileges offered to those vaccinated against Covid-19 and what logistics would be necessary to grant them.

Package 2: COMMUNICATING VACCINES

Facts about Vaccines | [The Covid-19 Communication Handbook](#)

This guide by SciBeh was compiled by a large group of scientists from different disciplines to offer a concise overview of how and why vaccination works, along with a useful wiki of further information. Translations are available [here](#).

Tips for Policymakers | [The Crisis Communication Guide](#)

The National Democratic Institute presents communication rules for policymakers to observe during crises. See also the [highlights](#) from our call with the author of the guide, Coen Pustjens.

Communicating Risks | [Vaccine Rollout Risk Communication Strategies in Europe](#)

Risk experts George Warren and Ragnar Lofstedt scientifically analyze risk communication strategies related to Covid-19 and explore the factors that could lead to an effective, rapid response.

Poll | [Citizens Blame EU and National Governments for Slow Coronavirus Vaccine Rollout](#)

Politico summarizes the findings of the KEKST CNC poll on citizens' perceptions of the handling of the crisis by authorities.

Package 3: WHAT ARE OTHERS DOING?

World | [Covid World Map: Tracking Global Covid-19 Vaccinations, Cases, and Deaths](#)

The Guardian offers a comprehensive overview of how countries are faring against Covid-19 globally.

Balkans | [Are Geopolitics Getting in the Way of COVID-19 Vaccines?](#)

Deutsche Welle provides an account of how the Western Balkans were largely left out of their western allies' considerations and are now turning to Chinese and Russian support to vaccinate their populations. This is sharply contrasted by Serbia's vaccination success story, which was based on Russian and Chinese support from the start.

Maghreb | [Chinese Health Diplomacy and the Maghreb in the COVID-19 Era](#)

Maghreb states have chosen different strategies to counter Covid-19, with Morocco establishing a partnership with China on vaccine production and Algeria relying on easily accessible Russian vaccines rather than unavailable, expensive, or less effective European and American ones. All approaches have highlighted potential for improvements in health governance and some progress has been made in this field (Middle East Institute).

Israel | [Israel's Clever Vaccination Strategy](#)

Israel is widely praised for its effective vaccine rollout and has the highest vaccination rate per capita globally. To ensure a fast rollout, the Israeli government implemented a large-scale data-collection initiative on its vaccinated population to share with the vaccine producers (*Deutsche Welle*).

Russia | [Russia's 'Geopolitical' Vaccine: Is Sputnik too Good to be True?](#)

While the vaccination rate in Russia is low compared to almost all EU countries, Russia is using its "Sputnik V" vaccination as a geostrategic tool, accompanied by disinformation on other vaccines (*Politico*).

China | [Everything you Need to Know about China's Coronavirus Vaccines](#)

China is world leader in the production of Covid-19 vaccines. Like Russia, the Chinese government is using its vaccine to build soft power globally. Free shots have been shipped to many countries globally and production partnerships have been launched in Morocco and Mexico. Even European states are turning to China to replenish their vaccine supplies. Meanwhile, in China, the vaccination rate is comparatively low at 4% and shots are no cheaper than western alternatives (*Politico*).

World Health Organization | [COVAX](#)

COVAX is the World Health Organization's tool to coordinate the production and allocation of vaccines worldwide, which further includes the ambition to rebuild economies after the pandemic.

Package 4: VALUES AND POLITICAL JUDGMENT IN VACCINE POLITICS

Worldwide Vaccination | [Challenges in Ensuring Global Access to Covid-19 Vaccines: Production, Affordability, Allocation, and Deployment](#)

Olivier Wouters et al. provide an account of why this global challenge is so difficult to meet with global responses in their *Lancet* article.

Philosophy in Policymaking | [To Beat Covid, Politicians Must Think like Philosophers](#)

John Authers dissects the moral, philosophical, and scientific challenges that different vaccination strategies pose to policymakers in this *Bloomberg* opinion piece.

Global Inequity | [South Africa Leads Backlash against Big Pharma over Covid Vaccine Access](#)

The Guardian portrays South Africa's push for larger-scale production and better access for African countries to vaccines.

Global Inequity II | [Vaccine Geopolitics Could Derail Africa's Pandemic Recovery](#)

This piece by Zainab Usman at Carnegie warns of the consequences of Africa's lacking access to Covid-19 vaccines.

What more can we do to drive the conversation forward?

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