

[Press release – Coronavirus: MEPs to debate current outbreak and EU reaction](#)



They will assess the situation and coordinated national efforts to stop the virus spreading.

The debate is the last point on the agenda of the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety Committee meeting on 5 March from 09.30 to 12.30, taking place in the ANTALL building, room 4Q2 in Brussels.

You can follow the debate on [EP Live](#)

Background

COVID-19 originated in Wuhan in the Hubei Province of China. It has since spread beyond Asia and there is [a rising number of people infected with COVID-19 in EU member states](#).

Additional note on attending meetings in Parliament

Since the novel coronavirus COVID-19 has reached Europe, there are new rules on entering the European Parliament and participating in meetings. Read them [here](#). These measures are temporary. Parliament is monitoring the situation in real time and will adapt its measures accordingly.