

## Press release – COVID-19: MEPs to quiz Commissioner Breton on the EU's response to the outbreak



The way EU countries are implementing the green lane border crossings to ensure that essential goods, such as medical gear and food, reach those who need them the most, the joint purchase of medical supplies and the production of these goods by European companies will be among the issues addressed in the debate with Internal Market Commissioner, Thierry Breton, who will participate remotely in the meeting.

MEPs will also discuss measures to tackle in a coordinated manner malpractices in e-commerce, for instance when products in high demand are being falsified or sold at unreasonably high prices, as well as the use of telecom data in the fight against coronavirus.

**Debate:** EU response to the COVID-19 outbreak

**When:** Thursday, 2 April 2020, 10.30 – 11.30

**Where:** European Parliament, Antall building, room 402, Brussels

Internal Market Committee MEPs will be able to participate remotely. They will have the possibility to view and listen to the proceedings, ask for the floor and intervene in the meeting. The Chair of the Internal Market Committee, [Petra De Sutter](#) (Greens/EFA, BE), as well as a few other MEPs, on behalf of the political groups, will be present in the meeting room.

The meeting will also be [web-streamed here](#) (Parliament's Multimedia Centre) [and here](#) (Europe by Satellite, EbS+).

Committee Chair Petra De Sutter will hold a press point at 12.30 outside the

meeting room under strict social distancing guidelines. She will also record a video statement on the outcome of the meeting, which will be available [here](#).

### **Information to the media**

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