

# [‘Team Europe’ global response to COVID-19: Council welcomes the mobilisation of almost €36 billion and approves conclusions](#)



The Council approved conclusions on the **“Team Europe” package** that is part of the EU’s global response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In its conclusions the Council expresses its **deep concern** about the **global spread** of the **COVID-19 pandemic**, which continues to claim lives worldwide and have far-reaching social and economic effects.

The Council stresses the urgency of **protecting** the **lives** and **livelihoods** of all people, leaving no-one behind, and of **prioritising** efforts in partner **countries** that are **most in need**.

In light of that the Council fully supports the “Team Europe” approach and welcomes the announcement that almost **36 billion euro** have now been mobilised and will be used to address the devastating effects of the COVID-19 crisis in partner countries and regions.

The Council conclusions call for **full and effective implementation** of a package that should allocate resources to partner countries in cooperation with them, and on the basis of a joint assessment of needs.

The Council also emphasises the need to ensure a link with **medium- and long-term programming**, and proper coordination with all actors involved, including the UN, regional organisations such as the African Union, and other international multilateral organisations and financial institutions.

## **Background**

The “Team Europe” package was launched on 8 April 2020 to support EU partner countries in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic and its consequences. The financial support initially pledged was around 20 billion euro and combined resources from the EU, its member states, and financial institutions, in particular the European Investment Bank and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

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