

From: Bipar <Bipar@bipar.eu>
Sent: 16 April 2020 12:28
Subject: Joint European Roadmap towards lifting COVID-19 containment measures



16/04/2020

Joint European Roadmap towards lifting COVID-19 containment measures

To the BIPAR member associations

Dear Members,

Yesterday afternoon, the European Commission put forward a **European roadmap** (available in 22 languages [here](#)) **to phase out the containment measures due to the coronavirus outbreak**. This roadmap is not the "final" and "only" scenario that will be adopted in all Member States and in all circumstances but it gives an idea of what seems to be a possible scenario (and the many variables that will have to be considered in the coming weeks or months).

The value of this roadmap, we believe, is that it brings a wide variety of information in relation to the coronavirus measures together in one structured document. We believe that this roadmap can help you, as a checklist, in your discussions with your governments about measures to be taken for our sector and the clients.

In this roadmap we can read the following (extracts) :

- **The re-start of economic activity should be phased-in:** there are several models that can be implemented, e.g. jobs suitable for teleworking, economic importance, shifts of workers, etc. The entire population should not return to the workplace at the same time.
- **Gatherings of people** should be progressively permitted, taking into account the specificities of different categories of activity, such as:
 1. Schools and universities;

2. Commercial activity (retail) with possible gradation;
 3. Social activity measures (restaurants, cafes) with possible gradation;
 4. Mass gatherings
- **Efforts to prevent the spread of the virus should be sustained**, with awareness campaigns to encourage the population to keep up the strong hygiene practices and social distancing.
 - **Action should be continuously monitored** and preparedness developed for returning to stricter containment measures as necessary.

And also :

- **Phasing-out confinement requires accompanying measures**, including:
 - **Gathering harmonised data and developing a robust system of reporting and contact tracing**, including with digital tools that fully respect data privacy;
 - **Expanding testing capacity and harmonising testing methodologies**. The Commission, in consultation with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, [has adopted Guidelines](#) today on different coronavirus tests and their performance;
 - **Increasing the capacity and resilience of national health care systems**, in particular to address the predicted rise in infections after lifting restrictive measures;
 - **Continuing to reinforce medical and personal protective equipment capacities**.

Kind regards,

Nic De Maesschalck

Director



Av. Albert-Elisabeth, 40 - 1200 Bruxelles - Tél: 0032-2-735.60.48
Fax: 0032-2-732.14.18 - bipar@bipar.eu - www.bipar.eu

The European Federation of Insurance Intermediaries
La Fédération européenne des intermédiaires d'assurance

This email and its attachments contain confidential information and may be legally privileged. The message is intended only for the addressee(s) stated above. If you are not the named addressee(s) or intended recipient please do not use, copy, disseminate or disclose the information to anyone. If you have received this email in error please notify the sender immediately.

BIPAR has a privacy policy covering the collection and processing of personal data in the framework of its mission and activities. Should you have any questions, complaints with regard to how we use your information, we invite you to contact us at bipar@bipar.eu and we will do our best to answer in the shortest possible time. In the framework of GDPR and other privacy rules you have various rights. For example, you have the right to access your personal data we have in our database and you have the right to rectify, complete or update your data if they are inaccurate. For more information please visit our website <http://bipar.eu/en/page/privacy-policy>