

Coronavirus: The second wave

A resurgence in the number of coronavirus infections since the summer has evidently turned into a second wave of the pandemic, which has now hit many European Union countries. The pandemic is putting renewed pressure on European health systems, and authorities are introducing stringent but targeted preventive measures in a bid to cushion the negative economic impacts while preserving people's health and ensuring hospitals are not once again overwhelmed. An increasing number of EU countries are clamping down on travel and imposing strict social distancing measures, such as night-time curfews in major cities and limits on social contacts, although most schools and businesses remain open throughout Europe.

The International Monetary Fund said in its October [World Economic Outlook](#) (WEO) that global growth in 2020 is projected at -4.4 per cent owing to the pandemic, a less severe contraction than forecast in the June 2020 WEO. The revision reflects better than anticipated second quarter GDP outturns – mostly in advanced economies, where activity bounced back sooner than expected following the scaling back of national lockdowns in May and June – as well as indications of a stronger recovery in the third quarter.

This note offers links to **recent commentaries, studies and reports from major international think tanks** on pandemic related issues. Earlier think tank studies on the issue can be found in the ['What Think Tanks are Thinking'](#) of 25 September.

[The global compact for migration and public health in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic](#)
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[As election day nears, Covid-19 spreads further into red America](#)

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[New poll: More Europeans prioritise the environment than prioritise the Covid-19 economic recovery](#)

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[Changes in adult alcohol use and consequences during the Covid-19 pandemic in the US](#)

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[Managing the challenge of workforce presentism in the Covid-19 crisis](#)

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[How Russia targets U.S. Elections, black workers and Covid-19, TikTok: RAND weekly recap](#)

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[Understanding the Romanian diaspora: Diaspora mobilisation during Covid-19](#)

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[Contre la pandémie et pour le climat: La science et l'innovation](#)

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[The Corona transformation: How the pandemic slows globalization and accelerates digitalization](#)

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[Why has Covid-19 hit different European Union economies so differently?](#)

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