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to the Commission**

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Subject: Simultaneous lockdown in all areas of the EU as a drastic means of reducing number of new cases every day

The situation created by the impact of COVID-19 in the different Member States requires a jointly applied solution as regards lockdowns and the methodologies for counting the number of people infected, the number of PCR tests and the format used for case data, starting with joint comparable and uniform criteria so the same measures are applied in the whole of the EU to mitigate the effects of the pandemic.

The scientific community considers that lockdowns in individual countries do have a positive effect but that this positive effect wanes after lockdown when restrictions on movement in other countries are lifted. According to the mathematicians Juan Nieto Roig and Iván Area at Galicia's Santiago de Compostela and Vigo Universities, the simultaneous closure of borders in all the Member States for a reasonable period of time would drastically cut the number of people infected in the EU every day.

Will the Commission examine solutions involving a joint simultaneous lockdown?