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**Subject:** Regional criterion in ECDC mapping

The pandemic caused by the emergence of a new type of coronavirus has had a significant impact on the four fundamental freedoms underpinning the European Union and its single market. In order to enable people to move around safely, in resolution No 2020/2780(RSP) of 17 September 2020, the European Parliament called for epidemiological risk to be mapped at regional level. As part of the common approach to travel restrictions in the EU, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) publishes a colour-coded map of the EU Member States indicating the levels of epidemiological risk in individual regions. This map, however, does not fully respect the regional criterion, as the risk assessment is not based on the Nomenclature of Territorial Units for Statistics (NUTS) level 3. In this connection:

1. What practical steps does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the ECDC takes full account of the regional criterion when mapping?
2. Does it consider that mapping at NUTS level 3 (corresponding, in Croatia, to the administrative division into counties) would give a more objective indication of the degree of risk for a particular area?