Subject: Coordination of de-confinement measures

The current crisis poses significant public health, economic and societal challenges that should be faced in a coordinated manner. The Member States should start to gradually lift their containment measures with a view to entering the recovery phase while containing the spread of the virus. The Commission has adopted a European roadmap setting out common principles and the next steps, including a phased approach to opening internal and external borders to allow for the flow of essential workers and goods. That said, a number of cross-border workers have encountered various obstacles at borders, such as a lack of clear information on criteria for crossing borders, discrimination based on nationality and congestion at border control.

1. Is the Commission monitoring national de-confinement measures and the Member States’ compliance with the criteria?

2. How will it coordinate these different measures in order to alleviate pressure on healthcare systems, ensure the proper functioning of the single market and of the Schengen area and respect the freedom of movement in the EU, especially for cross-border workers?

3. How will it ensure that EU residents do not risk being put into quarantine for 28 days (14 + 14) due to the lack of a coordinated approach and management of the EU’s internal and external borders?