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Subject: Measures for when EU citizens return to their respective countries

Following the onset of new cases of COVID-19, most of which appear to originate from trips abroad, some regional and national authorities, such as the governments of Italy and Germany, have introduced a number of measures for EU citizens returning from areas considered to be ‘high risk’.

Notwithstanding the conclusions of the EU Council of 30 June 2020 and the Commission’s recommendations to avoid taking uncoordinated measures in preparation for a second wave, many national governments are acting of their own accord, disregarding the list of countries agreed by the Council of the European Union and putting sundry measures into effect that are often incompatible with one another.

Given how very interconnected the air transport network is, the key principles of the Schengen Area and the coordination role in the management of health crises conferred on the Commission by Article 168 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union:

1. How will the Commission ensure there is a clear, predictable and uniform regulatory framework for all operators in the EU’s tourism and transport sectors?

2. How can it ensure that individual national measures are effective within a single European area?

3. When will it propose a package of common measures on tests and checks in order to enter the Schengen Area?