

Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker

Regional report - Europe and Central Asia



This report summarises the major changes in the region for the Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker's [Containment and Health Index](#), providing a high level overview of shifts in government policies.

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REGION	Europe and Central Asia
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Brief summary of major changes:

Significant changes in government responses across Europe and Central Asia focused largely on containing local spreads of the virus, through the implementations of regional lockdowns or curfews. In Belgium, following a regional surge in COVID-19 cases, the city of Antwerp has introduced a lockdown, including a curfew. Luxembourg has also implemented restrictions on gatherings due to a similar rise in cases. This pattern can also be observed in Kosovo, where previous lockdown measures have been reintroduced on July 28. In Albania, nightclubs and bars had to close down to reduce the spread of the virus. Meanwhile, in England, the regional lockdown that has been put in place in Leicester has been extended. The lockdowns in Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan, which have been previously put in place, have been extended until August. At the same time, on July 17, Poland has eased its restrictions on gatherings. While Belgium has reintroduced some regional measures, the government has also eased the maximum size of events on a federal level.

C1: School Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AZE: The government of Azerbaijan has extended lockdown regulation through August 1. • RKS: As of July 28, kindergartens are allowed to open again, if they comply with government regulations.
C2: Workplace Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALB: Following a rise in COVID-19 cases, the Albanian government has decided to close down nightclubs and bars. • AZE: The government of Azerbaijan has extended lockdown regulation through August 1. • RKS: On July 28 2020, the Kosovar government reintroduced previous lockdown measures, which included banning restaurants, cafes and night clubs from being open between the hours of 10.30pm and 5am. • SMR: Since July 13, additional businesses are closed due to a rise in cases.
C3: Cancel Public Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AZE: The government of Azerbaijan has extended lockdown regulation through August 1. • BEL: At the federal level, the maximum size of events has been eased from 100 indoors to 200 outdoors. At the same time, restrictions have been tightened in the province of West-Vlaanderen.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GBR: Since July 22, businesses and venues following COVID-19 regulations can host events, however with a limit on people, in England.
C4: Restrictions on Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AZE: The government of Azerbaijan has extended lockdown regulation through August 1. • BEL: On July 27, due to a rise in COVID-19 cases, a restriction of 10 people for gatherings has been implemented. • GBR: As of July 23, it is against the law to have gatherings with more than 30 people. • KAZ: Restrictions on gatherings have been extended until the beginning of August. • LUX: On July 19, the government has restricted gatherings of no more than 10 people in private settings. • POL: Since July 17, restrictions on gatherings have been lifted. • RKS: From July 28, restrictions on gatherings have been reintroduced.
C5: Close Public Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AZE: The government of Azerbaijan has extended lockdown regulation through August 1. • KAZ: Following a rise in COVID-19 cases, bus services have been suspended.
C6: Stay at Home requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AZE: The government of Azerbaijan has extended lockdown regulation through August 1. • BEL: On July 27, due to a rise in COVID-19 cases, a regional curfew has been implemented in Antwerp to curb the cases of the virus. • GBR: Stay at Home recommendations remain in place in Leicester. • KAZ: Country-wide quarantine restrictions have been extended until July 2. • RKS: On July 28, a local curfew has been applied to the following municipalities: Prishtina, Prizren, Peja, Podujevo, Gjakova, Ferizaj, Lipjan, Drenas, Vushtri, South Mitrovica, Gjilan, Fushe Kosove and Strpce.
C7: Restrictions on Internal movement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AZE: The government of Azerbaijan has extended lockdown regulation through August 1. • BEL: On July 27, due to a rise in COVID-19 cases, the government has requested citizens not to enter or leave the city of Antwerp. • GBR: The regional lockdown for Leicester remains in place, and it is not recommended to travel to and out of the city.
C8: International Travel Controls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AZE: The government of Azerbaijan has extended lockdown regulation through August 1, and all borders remain closed. • EST: As of July 27, the list of travellers from European countries that have to quarantine has been extended due to the rise in COVID-19 cases. • GBR: As of July 26, travellers arriving from Spain have to self-isolate for two weeks. • SVK: Since July 20, the following countries are considered 'safe' countries by the government and are allowed to enter: • SWE: From July 19, residents from Serbia and Montenegro will no longer be exempted from the entry ban into Sweden.
H2: Testing Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GEO: From July 21, thermal screenings will be increased on markets.

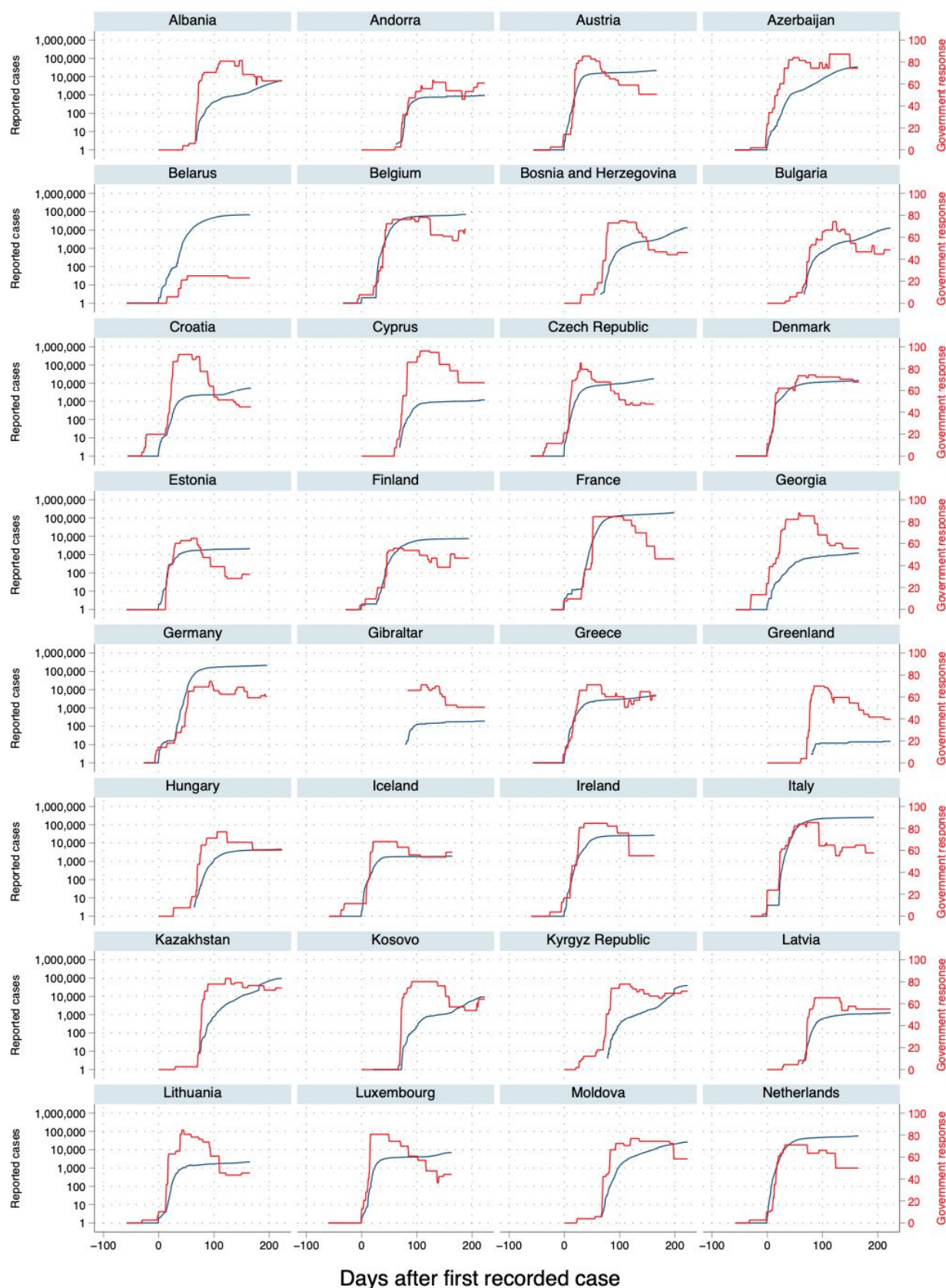
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H3: Contact Tracing

No major changes recorded

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