

# 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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<b>REGION</b>	Europe and Central Asia
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## Brief summary of major changes:

The month of July showed a decline in the amount of policy changes being made across the region. However, some changes can be seen in the policies concerning gatherings. Several nations increased the number of persons permitted to gather. This can be seen in Denmark, Estonia, Italy, and Sweden. However, the opposite can be seen in Croatia, and Portugal where restrictions on gatherings were tightened.

The reduction in policy changes across the region coincides with the wider availability of vaccines to most age groups in previous months.

<b>C1: School Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Finland-</b> From 1 July, as the situation eased in Kymenlaakso, contact teaching was allowed in higher educational institutions.</li> </ul>
<b>C2: Workplace Closing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Estonia-</b> As of 6 July, all restrictions were lifted.</li> <li>● <b>Finland-</b> From 1 July, gyms were open in Helsinki and Espoo.</li> <li>● <b>Greece-</b> From 12 July, only vaccinated individuals were allowed in businesses.</li> <li>● <b>Italy-</b> From 1 to 13 July, all districts were in the white zone, and thus only discos were closed. From 14 July, a number of regions were moved to the red zone, where all non-essential businesses were closed.</li> </ul>
<b>C3: Cancel Public Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Austria-</b> From 1 July, restrictions for public events were eased: events involving more than 100 (previously 17) must notify the authority, and those involving more than 500 must be approved. Participants still needed to prove themselves disease-free or vaccinated.</li> <li>● <b>Italy-</b> From 1 to 13 July, public events were allowed under hygiene requirements in all regions. From 14 July, some</li> </ul>

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	regions were moved to the red zone where public events were prohibited.
<b>C4: Restrictions on Gatherings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Croatia-</b> From 26 July, the gathering limit was lowered to 15 in Dubrovnik-Neretva, Split-Dalmatia, Šibenik-Knin, Zadar, Primorje-Gorski Kotar and Istrian counties, as well as to Novalja, Senj and the municipality of Karlobag.</li> <li>• <b>Denmark-</b> As of 2 July, the gathering limit was elevated from 100 to 250.</li> <li>• <b>Estonia-</b> From 6 July, the gathering limit was elevated to 5000 people outdoors and 1000 people indoors. The 50% capacity rule was still in place.</li> <li>• <b>Italy-</b> From 1 to 13 July, the gathering limit was 100 people indoors and 500 people outdoors across the nation. From 14 July, for districts in the red zone a maximum of 4 visitors were allowed per household.</li> <li>• <b>Portugal-</b> On 11 July, the government announced an extension on the policy allowing only 10 persons to gather unless they belong to the same household.</li> <li>• <b>Sweden-</b> From 1 July, a total of 50 persons are permitted at private gatherings</li> </ul>
<b>C5: Close Public Transport</b>	<b>No major changes recorded.</b>
<b>C6: Stay at Home requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cyprus-</b> As of 6 July, the curfew in the north of Cyprus was lifted.</li> <li>• <b>Italy-</b> From 1 to 13 July, the curfew was lifted nation-wide. From 14 July, the curfew resumed in districts in the red zone.</li> <li>• <b>Portugal-</b> From 1 July, a curfew was enforced in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area.</li> </ul>
<b>C7: Restrictions on Internal movement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Italy-</b> From 1 to 13 July, all restrictions were lifted. From 14 July, some districts were moved to the red zone. Entrance into or exit from the red zone were prohibited.</li> <li>• <b>Portugal-</b> Internal movement in the Lisbon Metropolitan Area was prohibited between 2 July and 5 July.</li> <li>• <b>Uzbekistan-</b> As of 12 July, authorities have implemented restrictions on movement in the Tashkent region.</li> </ul>
<b>C8: International Travel Controls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cyprus-</b> As of 27 July, passengers from nations coded Grey were required to self-isolate.</li> </ul>
<b>H2: Testing Policy</b>	<b>No major changes recorded.</b>
<b>H3: Contact Tracing</b>	<b>No major changes recorded.</b>

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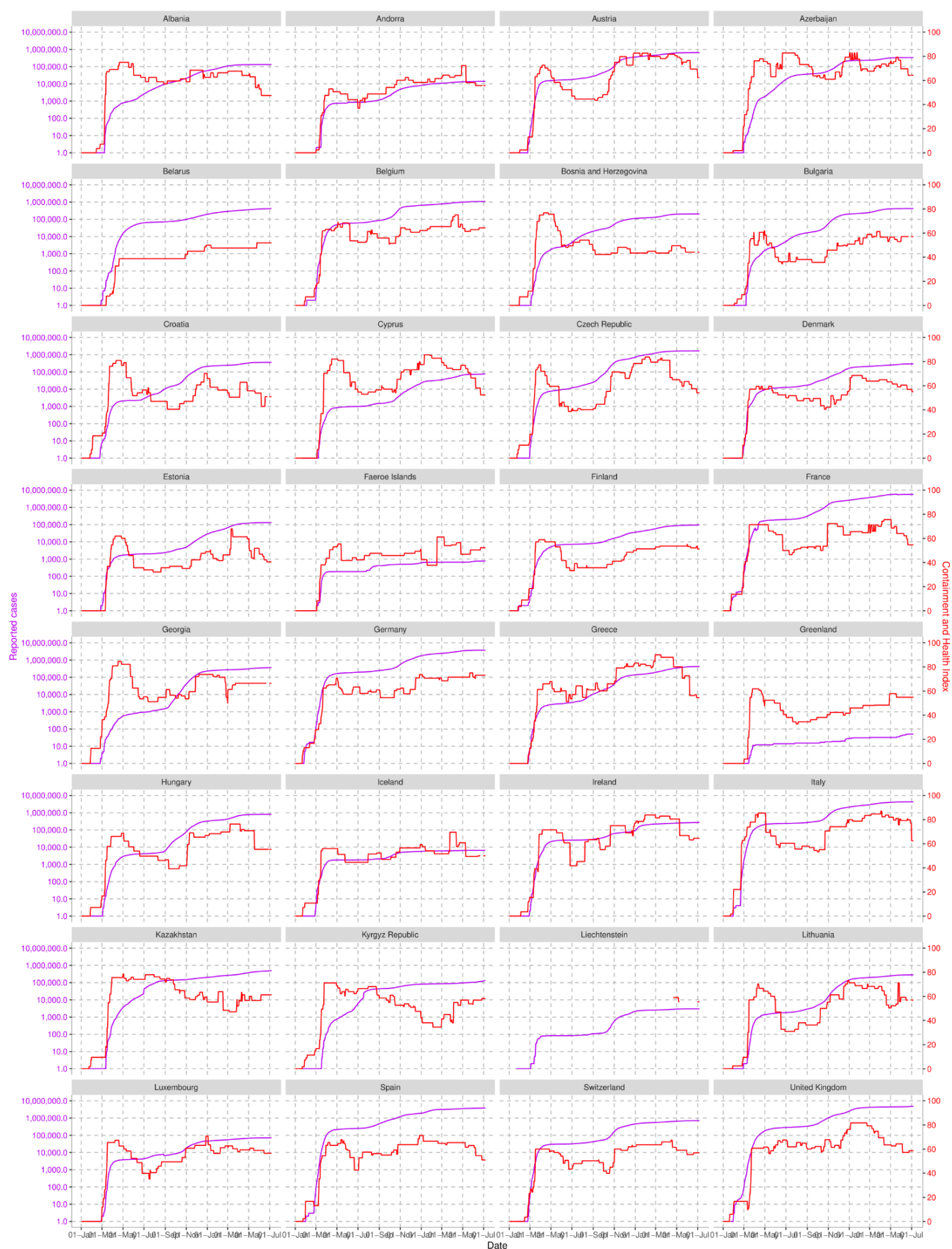


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H6: Facial Coverings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>France-</b> The requirement to wear masks in high traffic regions in the Landes was extended through July. From 20 July, masks were mandatory in public places in Guadeloupe when social distancing is not possible.</li><li>● <b>Sweden-</b> From 1 July, the government dropped the recommendation to wear masks on public transportation.</li></ul>
H7: Vaccination Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Netherlands-</b> As of 2 July, all persons aged 12 and over are eligible for COVID-19 vaccination.</li></ul>
H8: Protection of elderly people	<b>No major changes recorded.</b>

## Cases vs Containment and Health Index:

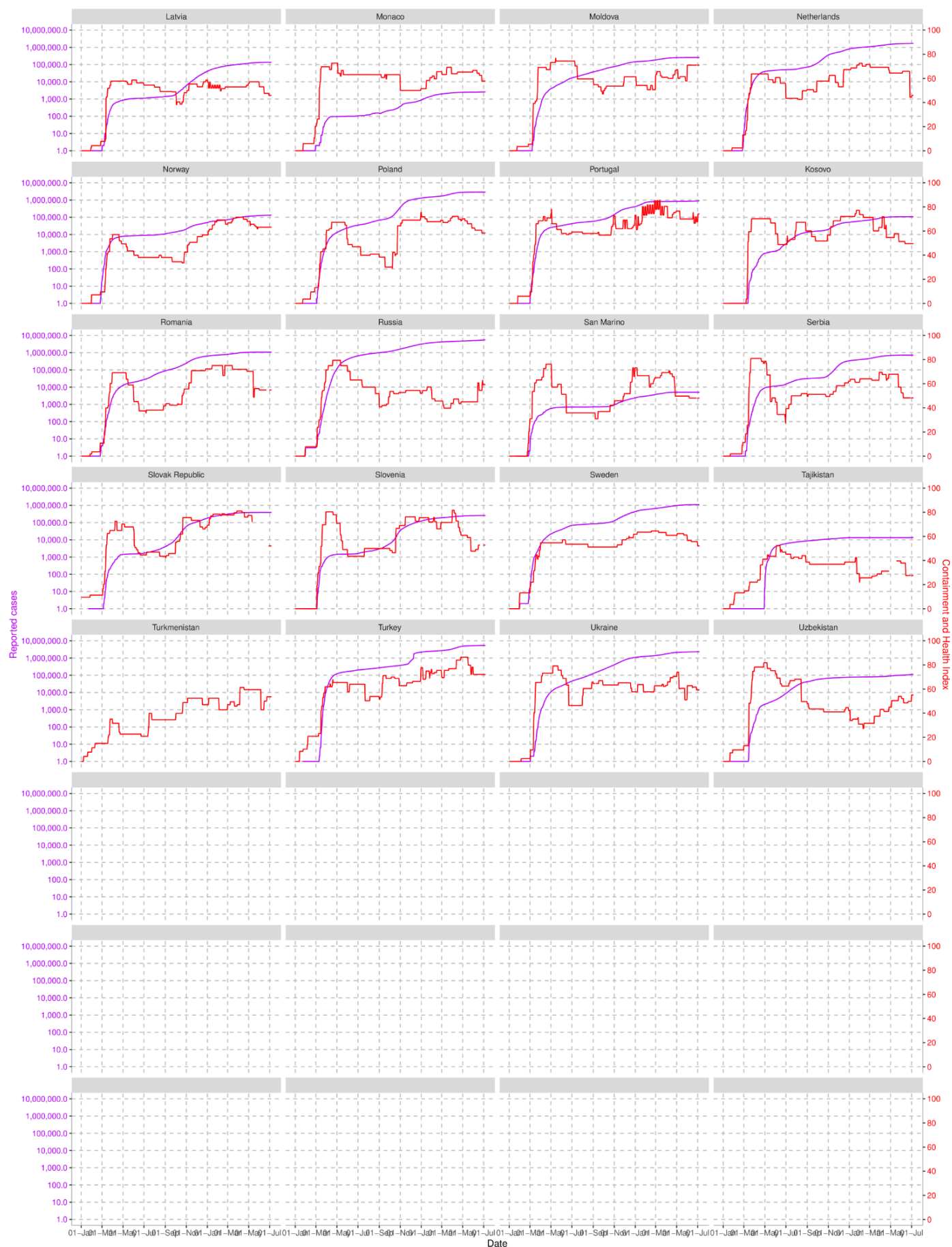
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