



# LATEST RESTRICTIONS IN PASSENGER TRANSPORT

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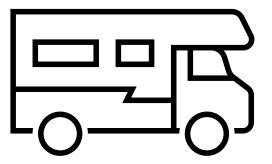




Transport Community Permanent Secretariat is actively monitoring the transport situation and the travel restrictions set up by the different partners in South East Europe (including EU Member States) as one of the measures aimed at containing the spreading of COVID-19 in the region.

Since the past several days showed another worsening of the sanitary situation, some strict measures have been introduced and/or reintroduced.







#### ALBANIA

- All land borders are open.
- Ferry services from/to Italy have restarted from 22 June.
- Commercial flights returned to Albania on 15 June. The Government of Albania has declared that only European Union residents and nationals are eligible to board these outbound flights to the EU at this time. This restriction does not apply to passengers traveling to Serbia or Turkey.



### **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

• Both the Republika Srpska and the Federation have abolished selfisolation measures for people entering BiH. Currently, only BiH citizens and residents, and citizens of Croatia, Serbia, and Montenegro may enter the country.

• There is still an entry ban for most non-resident foreign nationals, though some with special circumstances (e.g. for a business meeting, to a funeral, for medical treatment, or in the company of a BiH-citizen spouse) may enter.



## NORTH MACEDONIA

No new updates.

• Since 26 June, all land border crossing points are open, and as of 1 July the two international airports are open. As of 26 June, with the opening of North Macedonia's borders, there are no requirements for a PCR test, nor are there requirements for self-isolation or quarantine. Quarantines, curfews, or other travel restrictions, including limitations on public transport, may be implemented with no or very little notice.



# O KOSOVO\*

All land borders in and out of Kosovo are open.

• Pristina airport resumed commercial flights end of June 2020.

<sup>\*</sup>This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ Advisory opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.



## MONTENEGRO

- International rail passenger traffic is suspended.
- Transit through Land borders. The transit of residents of the countries from the 'yellow list' (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Albania) through Montenegro between the countries of the yellow list is enabled without obligation of having a PCR, ELISA or ECLIA test for COVID-19. Transit is enabled with the control on the time of entering Montenegro, passage of checkpoints and exiting Montenegro, without staying in Montenegro.
- Foreigner national is allowed to enter Montenegro with the following conditions:
- Without additional restrictions if he meets all three of the following conditions: 1. he is a resident of one of the countries from the green list, or he stayed in the country from the green list, for at least 15 days before entering Montenegro; 2. if in the period from the 15th day before entering Montenegro to the day of entry, he did not stay in any of the countries not included in the green list of countries; 3. he did not travel to any of the countries or through any of the countries not included in the green list of countries, except in transit (transit is travel without delay, as evidenced by insight into the travel document).
- The 'green list' includes: EU Member States, and Algeria, Andorra, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Brunei, Cambodia, China, Costa Rica, Cuba, Fiji, Georgia, Indonesia, Iceland, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Madagascar, Malaysia, Morocco, Mauritius, Monaco, Mongolia, Mozambique, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Palestine, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Seychelles, Senegal, South Korea, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam and Zambia.
- With the negative PCR, ELISA or ECLIA test for COVID-19, which is not older than 72 hours, if he meets all three of the following conditions: 1. If he is a resident of one of the countries of the previous 'green list' or this 'yellow list', or he stayed in the country from the previous 'green list' or this 'yellow list', for at least 15 days before entry to Montenegro; 2. if in the period from the 15th day before entering Montenegro to the day of entry, he did not stay in any of the country out of the previous 'green list' or this 'yellow list'; 3. he did not travel through one of the countries outside the previous green list and the following yellow list of countries, except in transit (transit is travel without delay as evidenced by insight into the travel document).
- 'Yellow list': Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Turkey, Israel, Ukraine and Singapore.
- It is not possible for residents of countries off the previous two lists to enter Montenegro unless they have proof (stamp in the passport) that they have spent at least the past 15 days until the day of entering Montenegro in one of the countries on the "green list".
- Residents of Serbia and North Macedonia are not allowed to enter Montenegro.

## SERBIA

 All COVID-19 related entry restrictions are lifted for both Serbian and foreign citizens. It is no longer necessary to have a negative PCR test or special permit to enter Serbia.

 The Government of Serbia also abolished self-isolation requirements upon entry. Travelers should be prepared for restrictions to change with little or no advance notice.



# ROMANIA

- Currently, Romania is under state of alert and the following measures have been enforced:
- All persons entering Romania from abroad are forced into quarantine or self-insulation for 14 days, except asymptomatic persons falling in any of the following categories:
- People arriving from countries designated as safe enough. The list is being updated on weekly basis, the relevant criterion being the no. of confirmed cases/100.000 inhabitants for the last 14 days that should be lowers than Romania's);
- Transport workers;
- Officials;
- Transborder workers;
- Professionals travelling for business purposes;
- Students travelling for school-related purposes;
- Vehicles transiting through Romania must leave the country within 48 hours from their entry.
- Currently, the following countries are in the green area (no quarantine measures imposed, flights allowed):
- Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Croatia, Swiss Confederation, Estonia, Finland, Metropolitan France, Germany (except for Kreis Gutersloh district), Greece, Ireland, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Norway, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary.



## HUNGARY

- State of emergency has been lifted as of the 17 June.
- On the 21 June, the Hungarian government revoked the general exemption from driving restrictions for goods vehicles over 7.5 tonnes.
- Only Hungarian citizens, permanent resident card holders of the European Economic Area (EU member states, Switzerland, and Norway), and other permanent resident card holders who have close Hungarian relatives are able to enter the country.
- However certain exemptions have been enforced:
- Travel restrictions for citizens of Austria, the Czech Republic, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia, Croatia, and Romania were lifted (quarantine included).
- Officials, business travellers, people undergoing on-going health care treatments or travelling for studies-related purposes are enabled, under certain conditions to enter the country.
- Humanitarian corridors have been established for foreigners transiting through Hungary.

## BULGARIA

- General entry ban for entering Bulgaria is still applicable. The exemptions include:
- Bulgarian nationals, holder of resident status and their family members or persons who are in actual cohabitation with a Bulgarian citizen;
- nationals, permanent residents and their family members of the European Union, the United Kingdom, the Schengen Agreement States including San Marino, Andorra, Monaco and Vatican City, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia;
- medical professionals,
- transport staff; medical researchers, social workers, and their supervisors when traveling related to their duties as well as suppliers of medical products/devices/equipment.
- foreign officials;
- persons traveling for humanitarian reasons
- business travellers;
- tourism, agricultural and trans-boundary workers;
- students.
- Quarantine applies for people coming from Sweden, the United Kingdom, Portugal, and from all third countries (outside the European Union), except Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro, Iceland, Norway, Switzerland, Lichtenstein, San Marino, Andorra, Monaco, and Vatican City.
- Exceptions from quarantine include transport workers, medical personnel, officials and trans-boundary workers.



## CROATIA

- As of midnight on 30 June, all EU / EEA citizens and permanent residents of the EU / EEA are
  free to enter Croatia without restrictions. For all passengers, the recommendation to fill in the
  ENTERCROATIA form is still valid, thus announcing their arrival in order to cross the border
  faster and in order to potentially monitor contacts in the event of an infection. All other
  foreign nationals can enter for business or tourist reasons (with paid accommodation
  reservation).
- Third-country nationals can still enter Croatia but will still have to prove their reason for entering the country (business, economic, tourist or personal reason). For a tourist visit, it is necessary to present a confirmation of the reservation of accommodation in an accommodation facility in Croatia (confirmation, voucher, camp rental agreement, permanent connection agreement, etc.).
- Passengers in transit may travel through the Republic of Croatia provided that they can prove the possibility of entering the country of destination or the possibility of entering the country through the territory of which they transit. During transit, the shortest traffic routes should be used without undue delay, including the motorway where possible.
- It is necessary to leave the Republic of Croatia as soon as possible and no longer than 24 hours from the moment of entry.



#### GREECE

- Greek land borders with Albania, North Macedonia, Turkey is open for essential travel.
- As of 6 July, Serbian citizens are not allowed to enter Greece.
- Entry to Greece is also allowed to citizens of third countries, who possess a residence permit, as well as to those foreign nationals who are exempt from restrictions, because of their status or their duties: European citizen family members; health care workers and researchers; carers; border security workers; seasonal farmworkers; people employed in transport services, including seafarers, diplomatic personnel, international organisations personnel, military personnel, and humanitarian aid workers.

