

Coronavirus Global Response

United to make the world a safer place



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#UnitedAgainstCoronavirus

President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen rallied the international community around the need to develop a vaccine against coronavirus, produce it, deploy it to every corner of the Earth and make it available at affordable prices. A vaccine that would be our universal, common good.



- Almost €10 billion raised in **1 month**, from end of April to end of May 2020
- A global cooperation framework for the development of coronavirus tests, treatments and vaccines, the ACT-Accelerator
- A pledging marathon that will culminate in a **major global event** on 27 June 2020

40 Partners and supporting countries

Artists and philanthropists from all around the globe joined, including:



BILL AND MELINDA GATES



MADONNA



MILEY CYRUS



MIKE BLOOMBERG



HUGH JACKMAN

UNITED WITH ONE PURPOSE: UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO CORONAVIRUS TREATMENTS, TESTS AND VACCINES

Thanks to this expression of global unity, within just one month, our chances of being able to give a vaccine to anyone who needs it, everywhere, are within our reach.

By raising significant funding to also strengthen health systems and protect health workers, we can help overcome this pandemic, and we will be more prepared to avoid another.

Almost €10 billion raised and a global coalition set in record time



The Coronavirus Global Response has three objectives:



On 24 April President **von der Leyen** invited countries and organisations around the world to pledge to help reach the target of **€7.5 billion** (\$8 billion) in initial funding. It was a starting point, based on an assessment of what was most urgently needed, done by the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board.

Very quickly, many countries expressed their interests to be Coronavirus Global Response partners:





Dozens of global public figures also rallied to the cause.

Scientists like Peter Piot (1) and global health leaders like Peter Sands (2) but also singer and activist Angélique Kidjo (3), international football manager José Mourinho (4) or Franco-Greek journalist Nikos Aliagas (5).

On 4 May, a pledging event brought together more than 50 world leaders, CEOs and international organisations and raised

€7.4 billion
(equivalent to \$8 billion)

including a pledge of **€1.4 billion** by the Commission.



Today the world showed extraordinary unity for the common good. Governments and global health organisations joined forces against coronavirus. With such commitment, we are on track for developing, producing and deploying a vaccine for all.

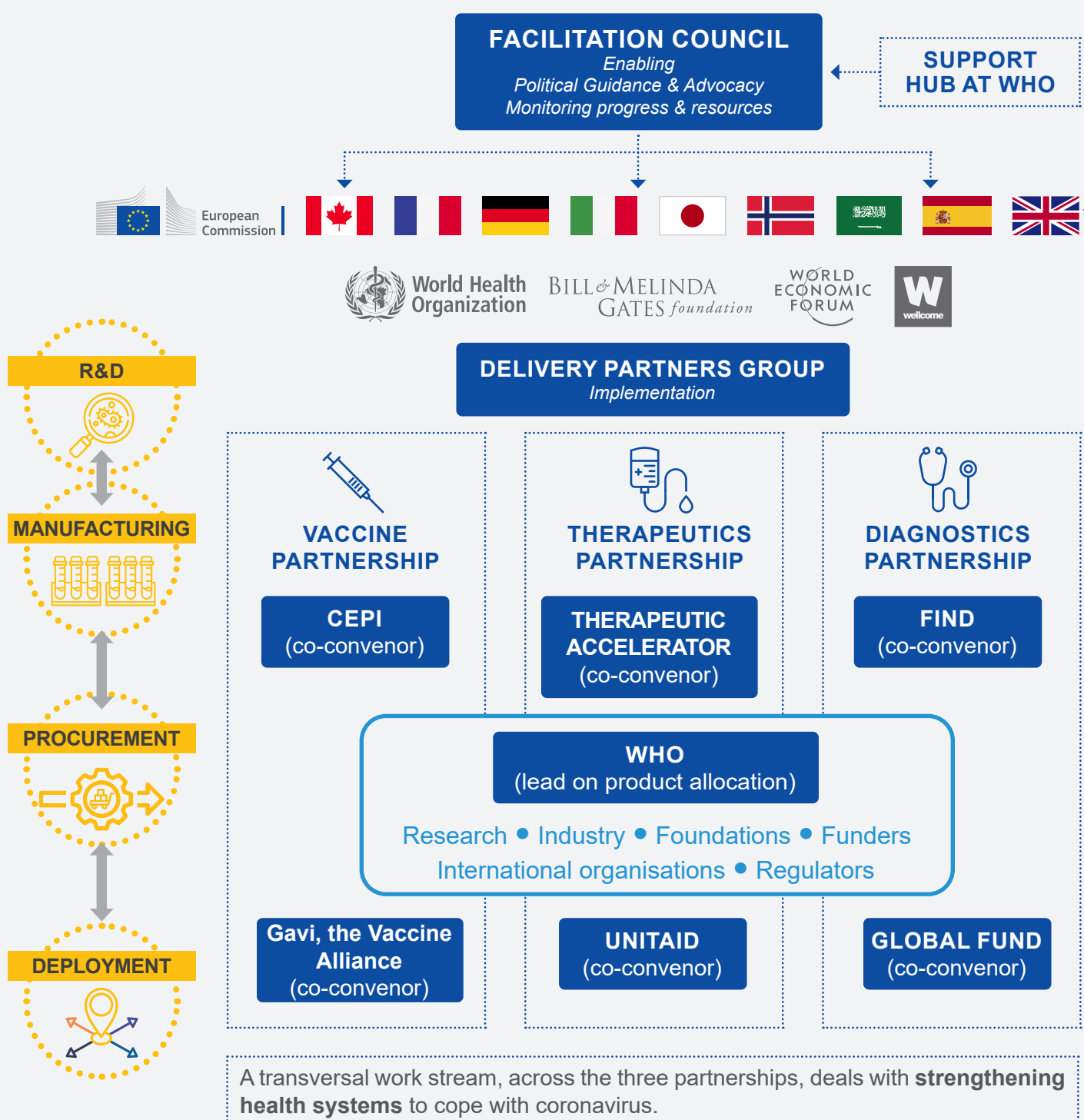
However, this is only the beginning. We need to sustain the effort and to stand ready to contribute more. The pledging marathon will continue. After governments, civil society and people worldwide need to join in, in a global mobilisation of hope and resolve.

On 4 May, the Commission also proposed a **cooperation framework** to align global efforts and accelerate progress in developing coronavirus vaccines, therapeutics and diagnostics: **the ACT-Accelerator**.

Three partnerships, based on the three priorities of the Coronavirus Global Response, are at its core. They gather industry, research, foundations, regulators and international organisations to work together on all steps needed to deliver new tools and solutions, from research to manufacturing and deployment.

With the framework up and running, work will now be taken forward under the auspices of the World Health Organization.

ACT-ACCELERATOR





On 28 May, the Commission announced that Coronavirus Global Response had raised

€9.8 billion

so far, an additional **€2.3 billion** in less than a month.



€6.5 billion was pledged by **Team Europe**: EU and EEA countries, the Commission and the European Investment Bank.

Out of the **€9.8 billion**:



€4.3 billion were allocated to strengthening health systems in the world



€2.3 billion to vaccines,



€814 million to therapeutics,



€242 million to diagnostics.



€1 billion was pledged to Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance.

In particular, the Commission is pledging **€300 million** to Gavi for the period 2021-2025.

This will help immunise **300 million children** around the world and finance vaccine stockpiles to shield against outbreaks of infectious diseases, such as measles, HPV and polio.

The replenishment of Gavi is important to strengthen the health systems and immunisation capacities of the world's most vulnerable countries. It is therefore key in reaching the objectives of the Coronavirus Global Response.



On 28 May President **von der Leyen** launched a new campaign with international advocacy organisation Global Citizen, “**Global Goal: Unite For Our Future**”.

It will culminate in a major global event on **Saturday 27 June**.

Even more countries have joined the campaign:



Austria



Belgium



Canada



France



Germany



Italy



Mexico



Morocco



New Zealand



Norway



Saudi Arabia



South Africa



Spain



The United Arab Emirates



The United Kingdom

Global artists including:

**Adam Lambert • Chloe x Halle • Chris Rock • Coldplay • Dionne Warwick
Femi Kuti • Fher of Maná • Hugh Jackman • Idris & Sabrina Elba • J Balvin
Justin Bieber • Lady Gaga • Lang Lang • Miley Cyrus • Padma Lakshmi
Rachel Brosnahan • Shakira**

have announced that they would help raise awareness and rally people to the cause.