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EU level response

Eurogroup & European Council

- On 10 April, Eurogroup President Mario Centeno [presented](#) to the President of the European Council Charles Michel the EU [comprehensive strategy](#) on the COVID-19 economic recovery which proposes a **Pandemic Crisis Support** available for euro area Member States, as well as a **Recovery Fund** providing funding through the EU budget to programs designed to kick-start the economies.

Developments at national level

- Several Member States have been in negotiations with airlines about a possible bail-out or financial support:
 - EU journal *EUObserver* [reported](#) (6 April) that the EU Commissioner for Digital Affairs Margrethe Vestager did not object to the nationalization of **Alitalia** if done on market prices.
 - *La Tribune* [published](#) information (13 April) that **KLM-Air France** are reportedly negotiating €10 billion state aid, divided into €8 billion for Air France and €2 billion for KLM.
 - *Reuters* [reported](#) (14 April) that **Finnair** and Juneyao Air (China) signed a letter of intent to set up a joint venture.

EU stakeholders' reactions

- On 8 April, **Airbus** [presented](#) March orders for commercial aircrafts which went down roughly by 1/3.
- On 9 April, Civil Air Navigation Services Organization (**CANSO**) [announced](#) environmental initiative '**Perfect Flights**' together with **A4E**, **AIRE**, **ERA**, **IATA**, **IFATCA** and **Eurocontrol**. By allowing aircrafts to fly their optimal vertical profile, CANSO and the other stakeholders want to demonstrate their commitment to reduce aviation's carbon emissions.
- **Eurocontrol** [published](#) an overview of state and airline response to COVID-19 pandemic as per 14 April.

International updates

- **IATA** [published](#) an economic report with a projection of approximately 25 million jobs at risk throughout economies due to the current airline shutdown (7 April). Further, EU journal *Euractiv* [reported](#) (7 April) that **IATA** has urged ICAO to amend CORSIA which should loosen airlines' goals for curbing emissions in order not to increase costs for operators.
- **IFALPA** has launched a dedicated [COVID-19 Resources Page](#).