

## S1 Appendix: Timelines (by country)

| <b>TABLE A: COVID-19 TIMELINE, DENMARK</b> |   |
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| February 27 <sup>th</sup>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Danish case of COVID-19</li> </ul>   |
| February 28 <sup>th</sup>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Danish Health Authority holds first press briefing on the status of COVID-19 in Denmark.</li> </ul>  |
| March 6 <sup>th</sup>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen holds 1<sup>st</sup> press conference, recommends that all events with more than 1000 participants be canceled. It is recommended to limit physical contact. The Foreign Ministry changes all green zones to yellow zones.</li> </ul>   |
| March 10 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister holds 2<sup>nd</sup> press conference. The Foreign Ministry cautions against traveling to several regions in Italy, Iran, China, South Korea, and Austria. Flights to these areas stopped.</li> <li>A new bailout makes it possible for companies to seek compensation for canceled events with more than 1000 participants.</li> </ul> |
| March 11 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister holds 3<sup>rd</sup> press conference: Denmark will go on lockdown for the next two weeks. All non-essential public personnel is sent home. Schools, childcare facilities, and institutions close. A ban on gatherings of more than 100 people is implemented.</li> </ul>   |
| March 12 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Business bailout passed.</li> </ul>  |
| March 13 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister holds 4<sup>th</sup> press conference. Borders will be closed the next day. The foreign ministry advises against all unnecessary travel, and all Danes travelling abroad are advised to return home.</li> </ul>   |
| March 14 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Denmark closes borders as one of the first countries in the world.</li> <li>The first COVID-infected Dane dies. Non-acute medical treatments are postponed to free up capacity in the health care sector.</li> <li>The government grants 10 million kroner to COVID-19 research.</li> </ul>  |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister holds 5<sup>th</sup> press conference. A tripartite agreement has been established, ensuring financial support for larger companies that have had to send home employees.</li> </ul>  |
| March 17 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister holds 6<sup>th</sup> press conference. Gathering ban tightened to 10 people from the next day.</li> <li>The Queen addresses the nation</li> </ul>   |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19 Danes have died from COVID-19</li> </ul>  |
| March 21 <sup>st</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>government grants 100 million kroner in financial aid to help developing countries fight Covid-19</li> </ul>   |
| March 23 <sup>rd</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister holds 7<sup>th</sup> press conference. All containment measures extended until April 13th.</li> </ul>   |
| March 30 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister holds 8<sup>th</sup> press conference. If the positive development continues, Denmark may slowly reopen after Easter.</li> </ul>  |
| March 31 <sup>st</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>109 Danes have died from COVID-19</li> </ul>   |
| April 6 <sup>th</sup>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ban on large gatherings extended until August</li> <li>Prime Minister holds 9<sup>th</sup> press conference, presents reopening plan. Childcare institutions and Primary School reopen from mid-April.</li> </ul>  |
| April 10 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>260 Danes have died from COVID-19</li> </ul>   |
| April 14 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prime Minister holds 10<sup>th</sup> press conference. Development so positive Denmark may be reopened to a further degree than originally planned.</li> </ul>   |
| April 16 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>336 Danes have died from COVID-19</li> </ul>   |
| April 17 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some private-sector industries to open from April 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>  |
| April 18 <sup>th</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government adjusts and expands business bailout.</li> <li>Some non-acute medical treatments may be performed again.</li> </ul>   |
| April 21 <sup>st</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increased testing</li> <li>Government passes ban on the gatherings of more than 500 people until September 1st.</li> </ul>   |
| April 23 <sup>rd</sup>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>394 Danes have died from COVID-19</li> </ul>   |

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**TABLE B: COVID-19 TIMELINE, GERMANY**

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| January 27 <sup>th</sup>  | ▪ First German case of COVID-19. German Health Authority does not expect further spread.   |
| February 12 <sup>th</sup> | ▪ Minister of Health Jens Spahn presents containment strategy in Parliament  |
| February 25 <sup>th</sup> | ▪ Germany and neighboring countries agree that border control and cancellation of large events will be ineffective   |
| February 26 <sup>th</sup> | ▪ New cases in Nordrhein-Westfalen   |
| February 28 <sup>th</sup> | ▪ Germany increases test capacity  |
| March 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | ▪ Minister of Health holds press conference, presents recommendations on protective behavior<br>▪ Germany donates financial aid to help Iran combat COVID-19<br>▪ German Health Authority increases risk level of COVID-19 to "moderate" |
| March 3 <sup>rd</sup>     | ▪ Germany introduces export ban on healthcare equipment  |
| March 9 <sup>th</sup>     | ▪ First German dies from COVID-19  |
| March 10 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Minister of Health recommends that all events with more than 1000 participants be canceled   |
| March 11 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Chancellor Angela Merkel addresses the nation for the first time   |
| March 12 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Chancellor encourages the public to practice social distancing   |
| March 13 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ All schools and kindergartens close  |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Germany goes into lockdown, closing borders as well as places of social gathering, e.g. gyms, restaurants, and churches  |
| March 17 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Minister of health encourages public to show solidarity and practice social distancing<br>▪ German health authority increases risk level of COVID-19 to "high". 24 Germans have died from COVID-19                                     |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ 52 Germans have died from COVID-19   |
| March 22 <sup>nd</sup>    | ▪ contact ban introduced, prohibits gatherings of more than two people   |
| March 26 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Germany to take 47 COVID-19 patients from Italy  |
| April 1 <sup>st</sup>     | ▪ 821 Germans have died from COVID-19  |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>     | ▪ Minister of Health encourages public to practice social distancing over Easter   |
| April 10 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ 2706 Germans have died from COVID-19   |
| April 15 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ contact ban extended until May 3rd   |
| April 20 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ 4642 Germans have died from COVID-19   |

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**Table C: COVID-19 timeline, The Netherlands**

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| February 27 <sup>th</sup> | ▪ First Dutch case of COVID-19  |
| March 5 <sup>th</sup>     | ▪ 82 confirmed cases in the Netherlands   |
| March 6 <sup>th</sup>     | ▪ First Dutchman has died from COVID-19   |
|                           | ▪ Special containment measures for Noord-Brabant introduced   |
| March 9 <sup>th</sup>     | ▪ Minister-President Mark Rutte encourages population to avoid shaking hands  |
| March 12 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Events with more than 100 participants are canceled, people encouraged to work from home if possible.   |
| March 15 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Schools and childcare institutions close, places of social gathering, e.g. restaurants and sports clubs close.                                  |
| March 17 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Business bailout passed.  |
| March 19 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Minister of health Bruno Bruins quits due to burnout  |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Test kit shortage: testing requirements tightened   |
|                           | ▪ 106 Dutchmen have died from COVID-19  |
| March 23 <sup>rd</sup>    | ▪ new containment measures: Cancellation of events extended to June 1, municipalities given authority to close stores and close off crowded areas |
| March 26 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Government bans groups in public  |
| March 31 <sup>st</sup>    | ▪ Containment measures extended until April 28th  |
| April 1 <sup>st</sup>     | ▪ 1173 Dutchmen have died from COVID-19   |
| April 5 <sup>th</sup>     | ▪ Number of intensive care beds doubled   |
| April 6 <sup>th</sup>     | ▪ Test capacity increased   |
| April 8 <sup>th</sup>     | ▪ Pressure on intensive care units eases up   |
| April 10 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ 2511 Dutchmen died from COVID-19  |
| April 15 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Minister-President discusses prerequisites for reopening.   |
| April 20 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ 3751 Dutchmen have died from COVID-19   |
| April 21 <sup>st</sup>    | ▪ The government announces that primary schools are to reopen on May 11th, the ban on public events is extended to September 1st                  |

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**TABLE D: COVID-19 TIMELINE, SWEDEN**

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| January 31 <sup>st</sup>  | ▪ First Swedish case of COVID-19 (no further contagion)   |
| February 27 <sup>th</sup> | ▪ COVID-19 reintroduced to Sweden.  |
| March 2 <sup>nd</sup>     | ▪ COVID-19 risk of new cases in Sweden adjusted to "very high", risk for community spread adjusted to "moderate".                       |
| March 6 <sup>th</sup>     | ▪ Swedish Health Authority (Folkhälsomyndigheten) recommends testing people returning from affected areas in Northern Italy.            |
| March 11 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Government holds extraordinary press conference, bans gatherings of more than 500 participants  |
| March 16 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Government passes emergency bailout   |
| March 18 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Government encourages universities and high schools to switch to online learning  |
| March 19 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Swedish Health Authority encourages public to consider avoiding traveling if unnecessary, implements a travel ban for non-EU citizens |
| March 20 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ 30 Swedes that died from COVID-19   |
| March 24 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Restaurants, cafes and bars subject to increased regulation   |
| March 29 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ Ban on gatherings of more than 50 people  |
| April 1 <sup>st</sup>     | ▪ National visitation ban on retirement homes implemented   |
|                           | ▪ 385 Swedes have died from COVID-19  |
| April 9 <sup>th</sup>     | ▪ Government addresses criticism of being intransparent   |
| April 10 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ 1155 Swedes have died from COVID-19   |
| April 20 <sup>th</sup>    | ▪ 2097 Swedes have died from COVID-19   |

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