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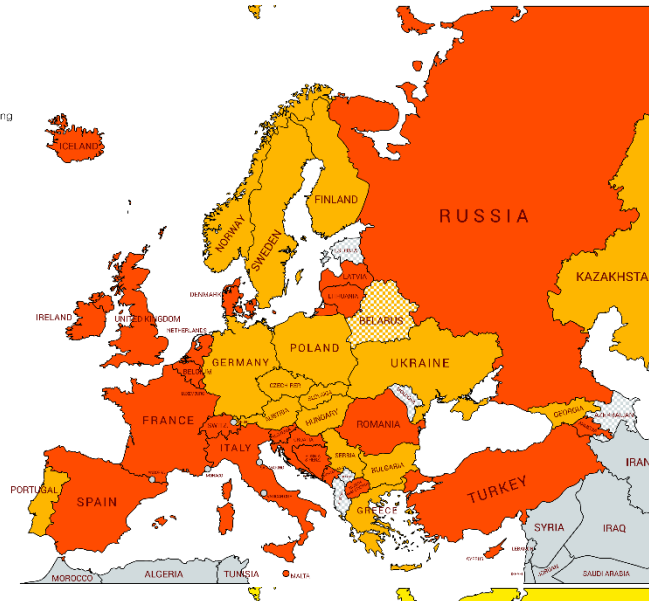
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Armenia	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	April 2020	Yes	18.05.2020	Lockdown is in force until 12 of June	Armenian Society for reproductive medicine
Austria	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART	16.3.2020	Yes	01.05.2020		Austrian national societies
Belgium	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	14.03.2020.	YES	27.04.2020 (phone consultations) 11.05.2020 (OPU)	<p>Patient priorities: Urgent- no delay possible:: Fertility preservation Necessary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Start IVF and non-IVF activities in patients born 1980 and older. IVF activity in poor ovarian responders according to the Bologna criteria. Patients that face a significant reduction in the chances of success due to delay that warrant priority such as -but not limited to- primary ovarian insufficiency, endometriosis or genetic disorders. For these three categories the necessary diagnosis and investigations should also be possible. <p>Possible delay: all other fertility treatments. Investigations, diagnosis: permitted as soon as endorsed by the Chief-physician of the local hospital.</p>	https://cdn.flxml.eu/r-88293a9dba21b990d78cbd698b98b1fbc29fc0c25fce230c
Belarus	Voluntary cessation only	All centres performing MAR/ART	Voluntary cessation in April	YES	05.2020		
Bosnia	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	25.03.2020	YES	30.5.2020		
Bulgaria	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART	14.03.2020	YES	27.04.2020	<p>Recommendations include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To postpone all that can be postponed (young patients with good ovarian reserve); To have SOP(s) in place for MAR procedures during a COVID-19 pandemic; To test couples with (the so called rapid) antibody test for IgM/IgG at the start of stimulation; 	

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						<p>4. To test the woman (undergoing oocyte retrieval or FET) with PCR up to 48 hours prior to procedure.</p> <p>5. Special informed consent forms are in place, covering the provisions of the SOP(s), testing, risks etc.</p>	
Croatia	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	13.03.2020 18.03.2020	YES	04.05.2020	<p>Recruitment and consultation with patients to initiate ART procedures began on 4 May. There are no special restrictions. The priority for admission to ART procedures have oncofertility procedures, patients above 40 y of age, (who make up 22% of the population using ART in Croatia), poor responders and all patients in whom the delay of treatment will significantly impact the chance of success.</p> <p>Depending on space and staffing capacity, adhering to all epidemiological measures, institutions can gradually increase the number of the ART procedures. For the moment, the ART is not recommended to all patients who are at high risk for complications if tested positive for Covid-19 (patients with diabetes, hypertension, those on immunosuppressive therapy, patients with organ transplants).</p>	National guidelines from The Croatian society for reproductive medicine and Croatian Society of clinical embriologists,
Cyprus	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	14.03.2020.	YES	04.05.2020	<p>Vigilance and measured steps have been taken in order to minimise the risk related to COVID-19 (such as covid testing for patient and staff, avoiding physical contact as much as possible, wearing masks, daily cleaning with disinfectants in the IVF laboratory, closed system is the method that already used for gametes/embryo freezings, embryologists working in mini groups with no interactions among them and rotating schedule is followed).</p>	No specific guidance for IVF but there are some general guidance for medical services.
Czech Republic	Activity restarting	Some centres performing MAR/ART	Mid March	YES	14.04.2020	<p>- IVF treatment is can be provided only for Czech patients and with negative test for Covid-19</p> <p>- staff also must have negative test for Covid-19</p> <p>- sanitation is provided in according with ESHRE recommendation</p> <p>National recommendation -</p>	Czech Obstetric and Gynecologist Society recommendation is to provide IVF treatment preferably to patients whom postponed treatment can causes some damages.

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Denmark	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	12.03.2020	YES	20.04.2020 (16.04.2020)	We have to screen egg donors for Covid-19 symptoms 2 and 4 weeks after egg retrieval. Otherwise, we have to make sure that there is extra time between patients, no waiting in the waiting room, and as few patients as possible in the clinic. Interviews are conducted via video or phone.	all treatments allowed incl sperm and oocyte donation – clinics must have SOP
Finland	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART	24.3.2020	YES	04.05.2020	All public clinics have decided to restart for ovulation induction, IUI and FET, and most will also restart for IVF/ICSI treatments. Normal activity is expected in 2-3 weeks.	ECDC instructions
France	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	13.03.2020	Yes	18.05.2020	Agence de la Biomedicine circulated recommendations for restarting activity. Treatments can be restarted in regions where the regional health authorities already gave a positive advice.	
Georgia	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	30.03.2020	Yes	18/05/2020		
Germany	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART	beginning of April	YES	20.04.2020		German Society of Reproductive Medicine stated that a strict recommendation to avoid ART is no longer needed.
Greece	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART		YES	04.05.2020		
Hungary	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART	last week of March	YES	04.05.2020	Only low risk medical activities are allowed at this moment. Examinations (hormone tests, sperm analysis and other medical check-ups without anaesthesia) and personal consultations restarted on the 4th of May. IUI and transfer of cryopreserved embryos are going to be started soon. Fresh IVF cycles with anaesthesia will be restarted later (date is not clear yet). There are no restrictions on the type of diagnostic testing or treatments that can be performed. The patient volume is limited to 4 patients/ hour..	Recommendations of different international societies (ESHRE, ASRM etc.) have been taken into consideration when national recommendations were elaborated. IVF centres has developed their own protocols based on the official command (https://kollegium.aeek.hu/Hirek/Details/42) .

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						There is a requirement to have a negative SARS-CoV-2 PCR test before the oocyte collections.	
Iceland	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	23.03.2020 - 01.04.2020	YES	Expected 04.05.2020 ¹		
Ireland	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	16.03.2020	YES	05.05.2020	social distancing and extra hygiene precautions, teleconsults, no partners unless necessary etc	Clinics are slowly re-starting patient services such as scans, blood tests and semen analysis with a view to commencing ART procedures the week of 25th May 2020.
Italy	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	Progressively from the beginning of march	YES	04.05.2020	ART should be gradual, starting with cases defined as "urgent", according to age, to clinical conditions, and cases which were stopped at the start of the pandemic. Restart is variable across the regions, some postponing the restart to mid may.	Centro Nazionale Trapianti and Istituto Superiore di Sanità
Kazachstan	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	10.03.2020	Yes	24.04.2020		
Latvia	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	27.03.2020	Yes	13.05.2020		The opening of the clinics began on April 24. Since the beginning of May, single new IVF programs have been launched.
Lithuania	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART	16.03.2020	YES	29.04.2020	Procedures can restart only after the healthcare unit has a detailed plan according to the Government's strict requirements for patients and staff safety and work organization. The plan will be confirmed National Public Health Center under the Ministry of Health. Fertility services resumption intensity (procedures types, procedures count and etc.) will depend on every clinics human and medical resources.	The Lithuanian Government issued the decree on the 29th April to allowed resumption of elective medical procedures, including MAR, ovulation induction, surgeries and other fertility services.
Luxemburg	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	Last pick-up 23.03.2020 Last embryo transfer 12.03.2020	Yes	20.04.2020	In general we accept a maximum of 18 pick-ups a week but in order to respect the distancing rules, we organized a gradual restart (so we don't accept more than 6-10 new stimulations per week)	restarted the stimulations in the week of april 20th and we did the first egg collection on monday

¹ Restart not confirmed

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						<p>We adapted the consent form by adding special informations about the potential risk of COVID-19, explaining that uncertainties exist concerning the presence of the virus in the sperm or the follicular liquid, concerning materno-fetal transmission and an eventual impact of the virus on embryo development.</p> <p>The patient and her partner a tested for COVID-19 on the day of ovulation induction and in case of a positive result, the treatment is cancelled.</p>	4th of may.
Macedonia	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	End of March	YES	10.05.2020	No restriction or protocols from the government	
Malta	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	12.03.2020 (new treatments)	Yes	22.05.2020		
Montenegro	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	17.03.2020 Up to 04.2020	YES	04.05.2020	consultation, examination and preparing for IVF – making schedules for next IVF cycles. For all patients is obligatory to fulfil questionnaire related to Covid 19 before they come, and when they come to center to sign the same.	Agreement on precautions between centres and national society
Netherlands ²	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	6-13.03.2020 'Smart' lockup since 3rd week of March	YES	01.05.2020		
Norway	Activity reduced in public centres only	Private centres performing MAR/ART	23.03.2020 (public clinics)	YES	20.04.2020		<i>Private centres never stopped their activities. Public centres restarted 20.04.2020</i>
Poland	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART	16.03.2020	YES	25.04.2020	The Polish Fertility Societies support re-opening of fertility clinics when precautions are implemented. Prioritisation of patients dependent on demand and clinic capacity (e.g. age, low ovarian reserve, other diseases, oncofertility).	Recommendations from the Polish Society of Reproductive Medicine and Embryology (PTMRIE), Polish Society of Gynaecologists and Obstetricians (SPiN PTGP) and National Speciality Advisor for the Polish Minister of Health in Reproduction

² It was earlier suggested that treatments had restarted in the Netherlands, but this information is incorrect. This was adapted in the legend and the map (also retrospectively)

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Portugal	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART	16.03.2020, but earlier voluntary cessation	Yes	04.05.2020	Government approval and Portuguese Society of Reproductive Medicine recommendations	https://www.spmr.pt/11-novidades/557-recomendacoes-da-spmr-decorrentes-da-pandemia-covid-19-actualizacao-2
Romania	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	20.03.2020 (forced), but voluntary cessation before	Yes	18.05.2020	The Competent Authority (National Agency for Transplantation), together with the Romanian Embriology Association and the National Society for OB-GYN have issued local recommendations regarding the provision of ART.	
Russian Federation	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	19.03.2020 31.03.2020 (all treatments)	Yes	26.05.2020		
Serbia	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART	15.03.2020	Yes	18.05.2020	MPO advisory board within Ministry of Health	
Slovakia	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART	Mid march 2020	YES	Mid april	negative SARS-Cov2 test – PCR or IgA or IgM	
Slovenia	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	12.3.2020	YES	01.05.2020		recommendations of Ministry of Health
Spain	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	14.03.2020	YES	27.04.2020	Private centres re-opened. Safety measures	Spanish Fertility Society- https://www.sefertilidad.net/
Sweden	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART	16.03.2020	Yes	16.06.2020		Activity restarted in the majority of public centres
Switzerland	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	16.03.2020.	YES	First ultrasound consultation started 27.04.2020		Patient get a information/confirmation letter regarding Covid-19 which they have to sign before treatment in our clinic

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Turkey	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	17.03. 2020	SCHEDULED ³	Mid- late May	No	None
Ukraine	Activity restarted	Some centres performing MAR/ART		Yes	11.05.2020		
UK	Activity restarted	No centres performing MAR/ART	16.03.2020 (ET) 30.30.2020 (OPU)	YES	01.05.2020 ART units here may apply to re-start		https://www.britishfertilitysociety.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/ARCS-BFS-COVID-19-guideline-v1.1.pdf

The data presented in the map and in the table are collected with the support of the ESHRE Committee of National Representatives (<https://www.eshre.eu/Home/Committees/Committee-of-National-Representatives>). For countries where no information was provided through the national representative, a representative of the European IVF monitoring (EIM) or an ESHRE official was asked to provide information.

³ There is a gap in the regulations of the Ministry of Health in this context. Initially, as with "elective surgeries", but not specified as "IVF", the procedures were "advised" (however, we are located in Ankara, the capital. I gave a call to the Ministry of Health; they indicated that this was a MUST nationwide not a recommendation) not be started. However, some IVF centres "assumed" that this was not a ban and only advice; hence, did not stop anytime. But, on the other hand, some centres stopped (as we did). Hence, it is confusing; hard to believe. Anyhow, the situation appears to be under control in Turkey and the vast majority of the centres appears to be starting by mid-late May. But, no announcement from the Ministry of Health yet.