

Covid relief India – Team Europe

Call for engagement! Join in the efforts to support the relief of India's Covid challenges

India is currently at the epicentre of the global pandemic. Over half of the world's cases of Covid-19 are in India right now, with the numbers of new daily cases consistently over the 400,000 mark. One in four of the world's Covid-19 deaths are occurring in India, with the actual numbers likely to be much higher than those recorded. The capacity of hospitals and the entire healthcare infrastructure is beyond stretched: hospitals have stopped admitting patients because they are running low on vital supplies, equipment and oxygen.

The need of the hour is hands on support to India – supplying in large numbers oxygen concentrators, oxygen cylinders, oxygen plants, other medical equipment and solutions, and medical supplies. Great and swift support has already been extended by various European Union Member States via the EU Civil Protection Mechanism.

Complementing this commendable effort, additional support is being facilitated by some EU bilateral chambers particularly the **Indo-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Indo-German Chamber of Commerce, and Indo-Italian Chamber of Commerce. Together they have formed a task force which is supported by the EEN India node European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC).** All have garnered incredible support from Member companies and have successfully put in place frameworks and projects to enable and channel that support to where it is needed. A mechanism has been put in place to efficiently procure and provide medical equipment and devices required to those in need across India.

In light of this, EEN India-EBTC in collaboration with the bilateral chambers' task force along with EBTC and supported by EUROCHAMBRES and the European Cluster Collaboration Platform is organising an info session entitled:

"Covid relief India – Team Europe"

on Friday **28th May 2021 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm CET / 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm IST.**

Join this enabling information session, and learn how you - as an EU organisation, EEN partner or business support organisation - can contribute to the task force efforts. Either by your direct support or by activating your member companies who can utilise this trusted private sector support and procurement mechanism under the Covid relief India - Team Europe.

This initiative is an important component of Europe's Covid relief support including medical supplies, medical equipment, financial contributions and more.

Registration:

- <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUqf-6qrDMtEtHRvgaEq4HL2YGMMDRUZPBbt>
After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. In case of any issues or questions, please write a mail to: projects@ebtc.eu

Agenda: Virtual Info Session “Covid relief India – Team Europe”
Friday, 28th May 2021

TIME (CET)	TIME (IST)	
Opening Remarks & Context Setting		
11:00-11:05	14:30-14:35	Background: Poul V. Jensen , Managing Director, European Business and Technology Centre (EBTC)
12:05-12:10	14:35-14:40	European business context: Mr. Thomas Steiert , European Innovation Council and SMEs Executive Agency (EISMEA) <i>tbc</i>
Status Quo – Reality of current Covid crisis in India		
12:10-12:20	14:40-14:50	Update on the current situation in India
On-ground support mechanisms in place through the bilateral chambers in India (Moderated Panel Discussion)		
12:20-12:45	14:50-15:15	<p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • outlining current efforts and initiatives by Team Europe for India; • information on how you can engage; • understanding how challenges in the support efforts are managed; • outlining where you can obtain up-to-date information; • calling all to action. <p>Panel Interaction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Payal S. Kanwar, Director General, Indo-French Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IFCCI) • Stefan Halusa, Director General, Indo-German Chamber of Commerce (IGCC) • Claudio Maffioletti, CEO, Indo-Italian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IICCI) <p><i>Moderated by: Poul V. Jensen, Managing Director, EBTC</i></p>
Q & A and Next Steps		
12:45-12:55	15:15-15:25	Q & A
12:55-13:00	15:25-15:30	Consolidation of thoughts and vote of thanks: Joel Fernandes Associate Director Europe, European Business and Technology Centre

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