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Abstract

In recent days, Europe has become the epicenter of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Soaring case fatality rates across European states, disparate public health and Global Health security response across borders, baseline healthcare infrastructure differences, significant social, economic and political influences on key decision-making all exacerbate the challenges of this acute crisis. As Europe moves into acute disaster response mode, a unified, oriented and evidence-based crisis command must be established that goes beyond the established border measures taken and the EU export scheme for protective equipment. We propose in this letter the European Union (EU) mechanism for crisis managed response cycle be initiated immediately to mitigate preventable morbidity and mortality from coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), which includes NATO and military alliance involvement.

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