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The movement of goods during the CoVid-19 crisis – overview of restrictions in the individual countries



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Important news at a glance

The document contains up-to-date information for 39 countries. For each country, the news are highlighted in red in the text and marked on the side with a red star with the inscription "NEW!". A blue marking on the flag now highlights each country that has relaxed its driving and rest time regulations. An overview of the regulations in the individual European countries can be found [here](#).



ITALY



For drivers (of foreign transport companies) from EU countries, the Schengen area and the United Kingdom there are no longer any restrictions!

For drivers from non-EU countries there are no longer any restrictions! For other entries from outside the EU there are [certain restrictions](#).

The suspension of the ban on driving on Sundays and public holidays for international freight transport will remain in force until further notice.





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The European [regulation 2020/696](#) on the renewal of certain certificates, licences and authorisations for freight transport came into force on 4th June. This means that driving licences, permits and authorisations in the EU Member States have been provisionally extended, unless the respective state has made use of an "opt-out".

The European Commission has launched [Re-open EU](#), a new online platform to support the resumption of passenger transport and tourism within the EU.

The platform provides real-time information on border measures and available means of transport in the Member States. It also contains practical information on travel restrictions, public health and safety measures (social distancing, use of masks, etc.). The platform is optimised for mobile devices and available in all official EU languages.













<p>AUSTRIA</p> 	<p>ROLA connection Wörgl - Trento - Wörgl operative. The timetable can be found here. Since 18 May, the driving ban for trucks on weekends and public holidays is back in force.</p>	
<p>BULGARIA</p> 	<p>State of emergency until the 30 June. Drivers entering Bulgaria must still fill in and sign a declaration. More details can be found here. Changes to driving times and rest periods are no longer in force from 1 June 2020.</p>	
<p>FRANCE</p> 	<p>The French government has published a map to inform truck drivers about rest and service stations that are open and provide essential services (such as toilets and catering). Open mechanics are also displayed. It is recommended that drivers be issued with a travel attestation in addition to the document justifying the journey ('attestation de déplacement') and the certificate for professional journeys ('justificatif de déplacement professionnel'). The EU confirms that foreign drivers can enter France with the European form.</p>	
<p>GERMANY</p> 	<p>Weekend driving bans and Holiday travel ban suspended in some federal states, an overview can be found here. Please note that the suspension is regulated differently in each federal state. It is strongly recommended that drivers wear a mask whenever they leave the vehicle.</p>	













<p>POLAND</p> 	<p>The drivers must wear masks when leaving the vehicle. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020.</p>	
<p>CZECH REPUBLIC</p> 	<p>Entry into the Czech Republic is again possible without any difficulties; restrictions, including quarantine regulations, are no longer in force. Individuals coming from "high risk" regions or countries and non-residents coming from "medium risk" regions or countries are obliged to follow the regulations of the Czech Ministry of the Interior. Weekend driving bans for heavy goods vehicles are again in force.</p>	
<p>CROATIA</p> 	<p>The obligation to transit the country in convoys has been abolished. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020.</p>	
<p>ROMANIA</p> 	<p>The transport of goods over 2.4 t is exempt from the traffic restrictions. Drivers who do not show symptoms of COVID-19 should fill in a declaration under their own responsibility, indicating the place where they can be contacted in the period between two transports. They are not subject to quarantine measures, provided that they carry protective equipment. When entering Romania, you must present a certificate of employment signed by the employer. Transit: You must leave the country within 48 hours, you can only use predefined corridors, on entry you must fill in a form which must be returned on exit. Affix a sign on the windscreen If you exceed the 48 hours, quarantine is mandatory. The export restrictions on cereals were abolished by Military Regulation No 9/2020. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020.</p>	













<p>SLOVENIA</p> 	<p>The government of Slovenia has declared the end of the coronavirus epidemic in the country. However, restrictive measures to contain the spread of the virus remain in force. The border easing measures will be applied at first only to Slovenian or foreign EU and Schengen citizens who have a permanent or temporary residence in Slovenia. On the basis of bilateral agreements with other European countries, within the framework of a general agreement at EU level, the Slovenian Institute of Health will gradually publish the lists of countries whose citizens can freely enter the country.</p>	
<p>SWITZERLAND</p> 	<p>Since 15 June, all border crossings are open again. There may be traffic jams at the borders to Germany and France.</p>	
<p>HUNGARY</p> 	<p>Freight transport is not subject to restrictions and the specific humanitarian corridors previously in force have been abolished. The detailed rules for travelling to/from Hungary can be found here. In case of Covid-19 symptoms, entry is prohibited. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020.</p>	
<p>SERBIA</p> 	<p>The Serbian government has announced the end of the state of emergency and the reopening of all border crossings with effect from 21 May. There are no longer any restrictions on entry, although the border authorities are issuing written instructions on how to prevent the spread of Covid-19.</p>	





<p>SPAIN</p> 	<p>There are no restrictions on the transport of goods. With the end of the national state of emergency, the Spanish authorities have decided to reintroduce the normal driving bans for heavy goods vehicles. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020.</p>	
<p>PORTUGAL</p> 	<p>Border controls until 30 June. Only the main border crossings with Spain are open: Quintanilha, Tui, Vilar Formoso, Elvas, Castro Marim, Vila Verde de Raia (Chaves), Monfortinho (Castelo Branco), Marvão (Portalegre) and Vila Verde de Ficalho (Beja). From 1 June and for a period of 6 months, the section of the A25/IP5 motorway from Vilar Formoso to the Spanish border will be accessible only to vehicles less than 3.5 metres wide.</p>	
<p>NETHERLANDS</p> 	<p>There are no restrictions on the transport of goods. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020.</p>	
<p>SWEDEN</p> 	<p>There are no restrictions on the transport of goods. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020.</p>	





















<p>FINLAND</p> 	<p>New specific arrangements are in force for the transport of dangerous goods. Truck drivers arriving in Finland are not subject to quarantine regulations. The state of emergency has been lifted. Controls at the internal borders between Finland and the Schengen countries (except Norway) will remain in force until 14 July. Self-isolation is still recommended for people coming from countries that are still subject to internal or external border controls. These countries include Sweden and Russia. Self-isolation is not required if the person is coming from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Denmark or Iceland.</p>	
<p>BELGIUM</p> 	<p>There are no restrictions on the transport of goods. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020.</p>	
<p>ESTONIA</p> 	<p>Since 1st June the Estonian borders are open again to people entering from European countries. As far as entry into Estonia is concerned, there is no need for self-isolation if the individuals: - come from an EU Member State, a Schengen country or the United Kingdom, - show no symptoms, - have stayed in one of the above-mentioned countries where the infection rate in the last 14 days has been less than 15 people per 100,000 inhabitants.</p>	
<p>MALTA</p> 	<p>The Maltese government invites transport companies to send goods unaccompanied in trailers or containers. If this is not possible, then two drivers per vehicle are allowed to translate to Malta, it is likely that the drivers will be quarantined upon arrival in Malta. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020.</p>	



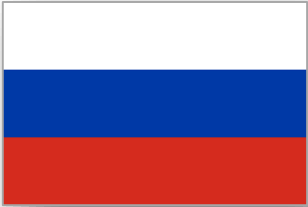









<p>GREECE</p> 	<p>On arrival in Greece you will be asked <u>to fill in a form</u>. Greece has signed the multilateral ADR agreements (M324 and M325), which can only be suspended in the case of further international or national transport. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020. The Evzoni Customs Office has resumed 24/7 operations for all types of goods transport.</p>	
<p>NORWAY</p> 	<p>International goods traffic is excluded from quarantine measures, but drivers must isolate themselves during rest periods. It is important that drivers have their passport and driving licence handy when crossing the border. The Norwegian border control measures will be extended for 90 days after 15 May. As of 14 May, the rules on relaxation of driving and rest periods ceased to apply in Norway. The Government has decided not to extend them, so drivers operating in Norway will have to comply with the original provisions.</p>	
<p>LATVIA</p> 	<p>No restrictions apply to the transport of goods. Everyone entering Latvia (even just for transit) <u>must submit a form</u> to the State Border Service, which "undertakes not to visit places open to the public". Parking lots and petrol stations are not affected by these measures. International passenger transport between the Baltic States will resume on 15 May. However, international passenger transport to other destinations requires the permission of the Minister of Transport in individual cases.</p>	
<p>LITHUANIA</p> 	<p>The transport of goods in transit through Lithuania is permitted. If symptoms are detected at the Lithuanian border, drivers who are not nationals of Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia or legally resident in Lithuania will be refused entry. Drivers are obliged to mark the stops made during the journey in a document of free format, indicating their purpose and duration.</p>	











<p>DENMARK</p> 	<p>The border crossing point in Padborg is open again (from 07:00 to 23:00). Together with Frøslev / E45 and Søed (both open 24 hours a day), the three can be used for trucks over 3.5 tonnes to cross the border. The "blue border" (ferry routes) can still be used and controls will continue to be carried out. The same applies to the Øresund Bridge between Denmark and Sweden. Truck drivers are allowed to enter the country as long as they do not show Covid-19 symptoms. The complete list of persons authorised to enter the country can be found here.</p>	
<p>SLOVAKIA</p> 	<p>CMR waybill for vehicles < 3.5 tons. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020. Since 11 June Slovakia has opened all border crossings with neighbouring countries except Poland. On the Slovak-Polish border, checks will be carried out until 26 June and the only open border crossings are Trstená-Chyžné and Vyšný Komárnik-Barwinek.</p>	
<p>GREAT BRITAIN</p> 	<p>Drivers of commercial vehicles are exempt from the new 14-day quarantine obligation. Drivers must prove that their journey to the UK is part of their job by means of a letter from their employer, a consignment note or driving licence. Drivers must also fill in an online tracking form - no more than 48 hours in advance - with their contact details and details of their journey (the "address" field is optional) and present the digital or printed version of the form on arrival at the UK border.</p>	
<p>TURKEY</p> 	<p>All drivers are subjected to a health check. The borders with Iran and Iraq are open again. Drivers in international road transport can use the Gurbulak border (Turkey - Iran) and the Habur border (Turkey - Iraq) for their transports. Once at the border, drivers must follow the established procedures.</p>	



<p>RUSSIA</p> 	<p>Drivers are exempt from quarantine regulations, but must be equipped with PPE. Transport companies that operate in the city of Chita (Zabaikalye region) must apply for a digital travel pass. Transport companies wishing to cross the border into China in the Primorye region must apply for a slot in the queue at least two days before the date of arrival at the border crossing points.</p>	
<p>ALBANIA</p> 	<p>The transport of goods and medical equipment is exempt from restrictions, truck drivers may be subject to medical checks. Please note that the Bllate and Shepishte - Trebishte (Debar) border crossings are closed to all traffic.</p>	
<p>UKRAINE</p> 	<p>On the basis of reciprocity, measures may be applied to drivers from countries which have imposed restrictions on Ukrainian drivers at border crossings. Drivers must wear a protective mask when clearing customs at the border. The current waiting times at the borders of Ukraine can be viewed here. Open borders: Malyi Bereznyi - Ublia (Ungheria); Serpneve 1 - Basarabiaska, Tabaky - Myrne, Kuchurgan - Pervomaisk, Kelmentsi - Larga, Sokyriany - Oknytsia, Mamalyga - Kryva, Rososhany - Bricen (Moldova); Milove - Chertkovo (Russia)</p>	
<p>MOLDOVA</p> 	<p>The transport of goods is permitted. On 1 June the Moldovan authorities reopened the land border crossings at Briceni - Rossoşani, Criva - Mamaliga and Mirnoe - Tabaki. Therefore, the open land border crossings are still today as follows Leuşeni - Albiţa Sculeni - Sculeni Giurgiuleşti - Galaţi (on the border with Romania); Otaci-Moghilev-Podolsk Tudora-Starokazacie Palanca-Maiaki-Udobnoe Mirnoe - Tabaki Briceni-Rossoşani Criva - Mamaliga Giurgiuleşti-Reni Ocniţa-Sokireanî Larga - Kelmenţi (on the border with Ukraine).</p>	











<p>BOSNIEN HERZEGOWINA</p> 	<p>The transport of goods has no restrictions. There are delays at the border crossings to Bosanska Gradiska, Bosanski Brod and Orasje. For trucks crossing the Croatian border, only the following border crossings are open Nova Sela (HR) - Bijača (BiH), Stara Gradiška (HR) - Gradiška (BiH) and Slavonski Šamac (HR) - Šamac (BiH); Sremska Raca (SER) - Raca (BiH); Montenegro: Iino Brdo (MN) - Klobuk (BiH) It is possible to transport important goods such as food and medicines quickly through a "green corridor" (between CEFTA countries). The goods declaration is processed at the customs clearance points in the electronic SEED system.</p>	
<p>NORD MAZEDOIEN</p> 	<p>A new protocol on the transit of foreign nationals through the territory of the country was issued, allowing the use of all border crossing points, provided that drivers do not leave the motorway or local road and leave the country no later than 5 hours after entry. Drivers entering Northern Macedonia must fill in a declaration, which must be handed over to the border police at the border crossing at the exit.</p>	
<p>MONTENEGRO</p> 	<p>Many border crossing points have been closed, leading to significant delays. There are longer waiting times at the border, as all goods requiring hygiene controls have to be cleared through customs. Border crossing point Tuzi (Podgorica) closed. Only the following four border crossings are still open: Božaj, Debeli Brijeg, Iino Brdo and Dobrakovo. It is forbidden for drivers in transit to stop and rest. In the event of a breakdown, the driver must call the police; if stopping is unavoidable for customs clearance and loading and unloading, the driver must remain in the truck. In case of a prolonged stay, the driver is obliged to inform the competent epidemiological service.</p>	
<p>GEORGIEN</p> 	<p>A new special regime is in force for drivers (Georgian and third-country nationals) who carry out international transport operations. The following regime does not apply to drivers transitting through Georgia. Before entering the country, drivers undergo temperature tests; in case of fever, entry into Georgia is denied. Foreign drivers are not allowed to stay in Georgia for more than 7 days in the event of a reverse shipment operation or if they have to board a ferry; in any other case, they must leave the country 96 hours after entering Georgia at the latest. In the event that a foreign driver is still in Georgia 72 hours after entering the country, he must take a COVID test at a local health authority.</p>	





<p>LUXEMBOURG</p> 	<p>There are no restrictions on the transport of goods. The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020.</p>	
<p>IRELAND</p> 	<p>The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020. To reduce the risk of infection, Seatruck Ferries has temporarily suspended the transport of truck drivers or other passengers on its vessels. Accompanied transport (truck with driver) is therefore suspended until further notice, but the company will continue to transport unaccompanied semi-trailers, containers.</p>	
<p>BELARUS</p> 	<p>The list of rest places (parking lots) for drivers in transit through the territory of Belarus has been extended. It is necessary to leave the country no later than the day after entering the country. Possibility to <u>reserve</u> a place in the queue at the border (paid service). Temporary restrictions have been introduced on axle loads of vehicles travelling on public roads from 1 July to 20 September. The provision aims to ensure safety on motorways when the daytime temperature exceeds 25 ° C. Therefore, the maximum permissible axle load for vehicles running on asphalt concrete pavement will be 6 tonnes. The restriction applies from 11:00 to 20:00.</p>	

Monitoring critical situations at the borders



New analyses are reported thanks to the information gathered on Sixfold's "[Truck border crossing times platform](#)".

From 23 March, the most critical situations detected by the Sixfold platform are recorded, those highlighted in red and black (crossing times over 60 minutes and queues over 4 km). The internal monitoring takes pictures of the situation at the borders at three different times on weekdays (8.00 a.m., 2.00 p.m., 8.00 p.m.) and only at 2.00 p.m. on weekends/holidays.

In this update, we report the **overall picture** with 2,573 critical situations detected up to 22 June morning: if we consider the 15-minute limit desired by the EU to cross a border, it should take about 644 hours overall. The reality of these 3 months is quite different with 3,058 hours (4.8 times more) and over 4.3 thousand km of queues.

It also reports the **evolution of critical situations for each country of destination** for each of the 13 weeks of detection, in terms of number of situations, overall crossing times and total length of queues detected.

**Critical situations detected on
23 June at twelve o'clock
at the Swiss-German border
in Weil am Rhein area (A5)**

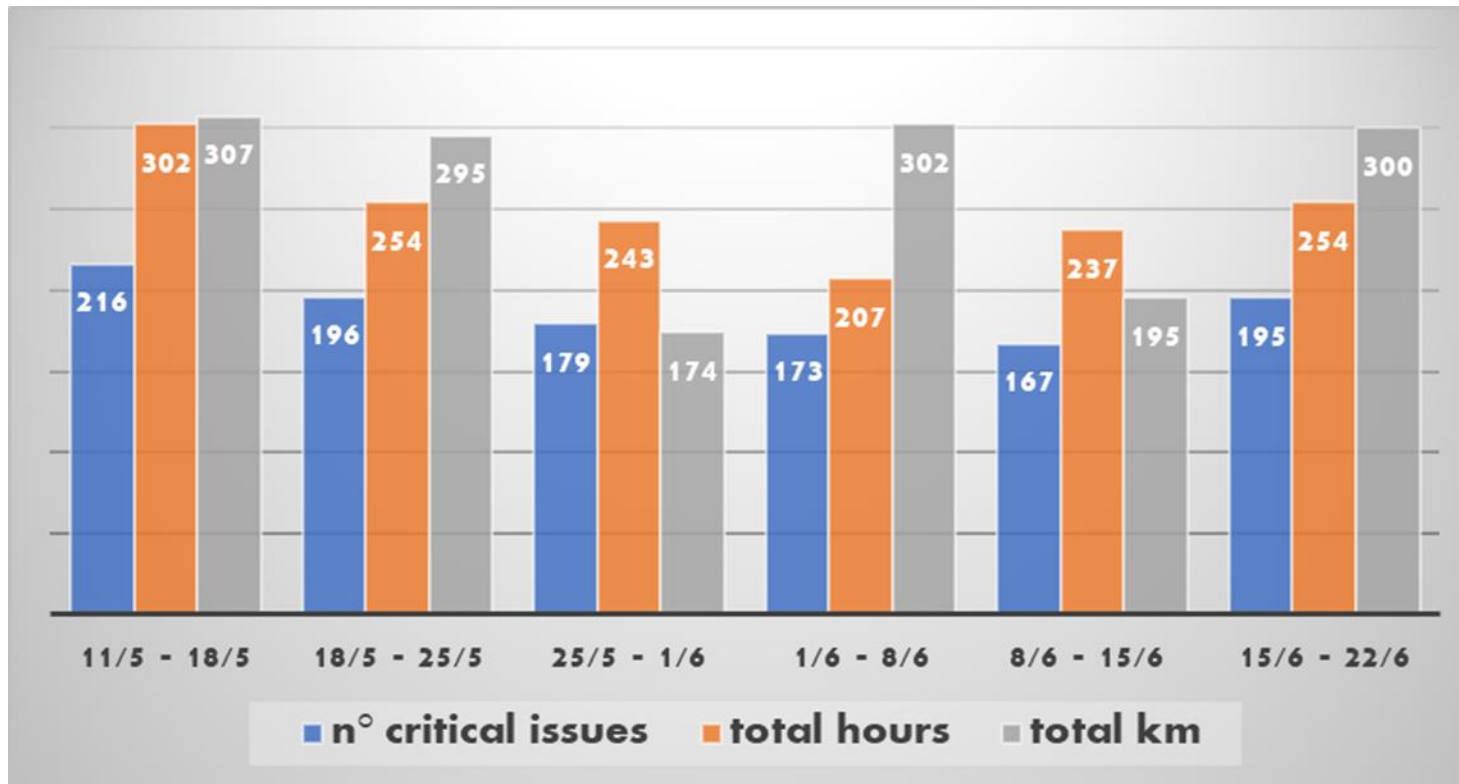


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Macro assessments from 15 to 22 June 2020



The macro results of border monitoring are reported in terms of the number of critical situations (more than 1 hour for border crossings), the total number of hours spent and the total number of km of queues detected at the borders.

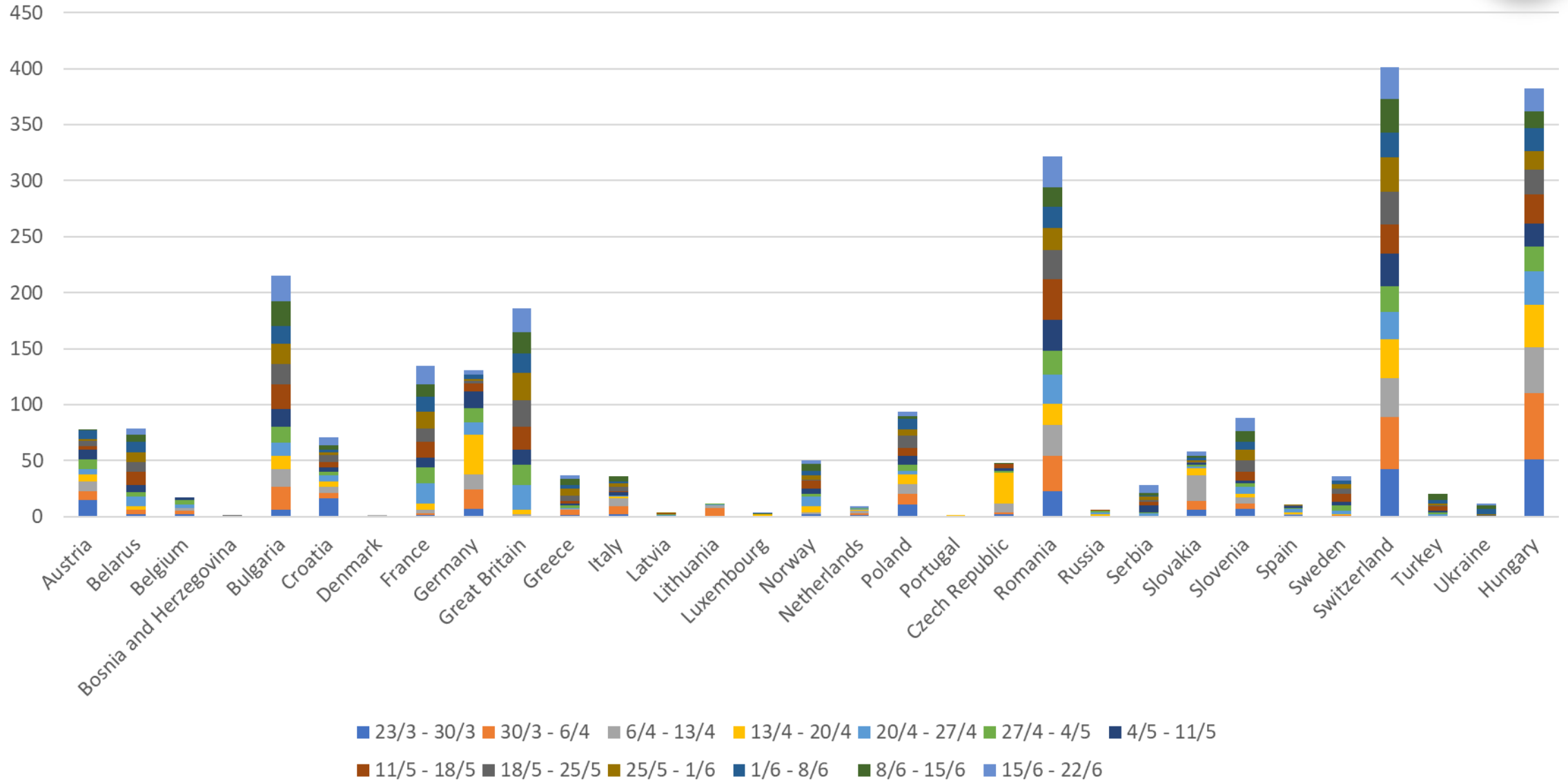


The thirteenth week of the observation (15-22 June) sees a new growth in the number of critical situations (195 vs 167) with a greater importance of waiting hours (254 vs 237 hours) and a greater incidence of queues at the borders (300 vs 195 km).





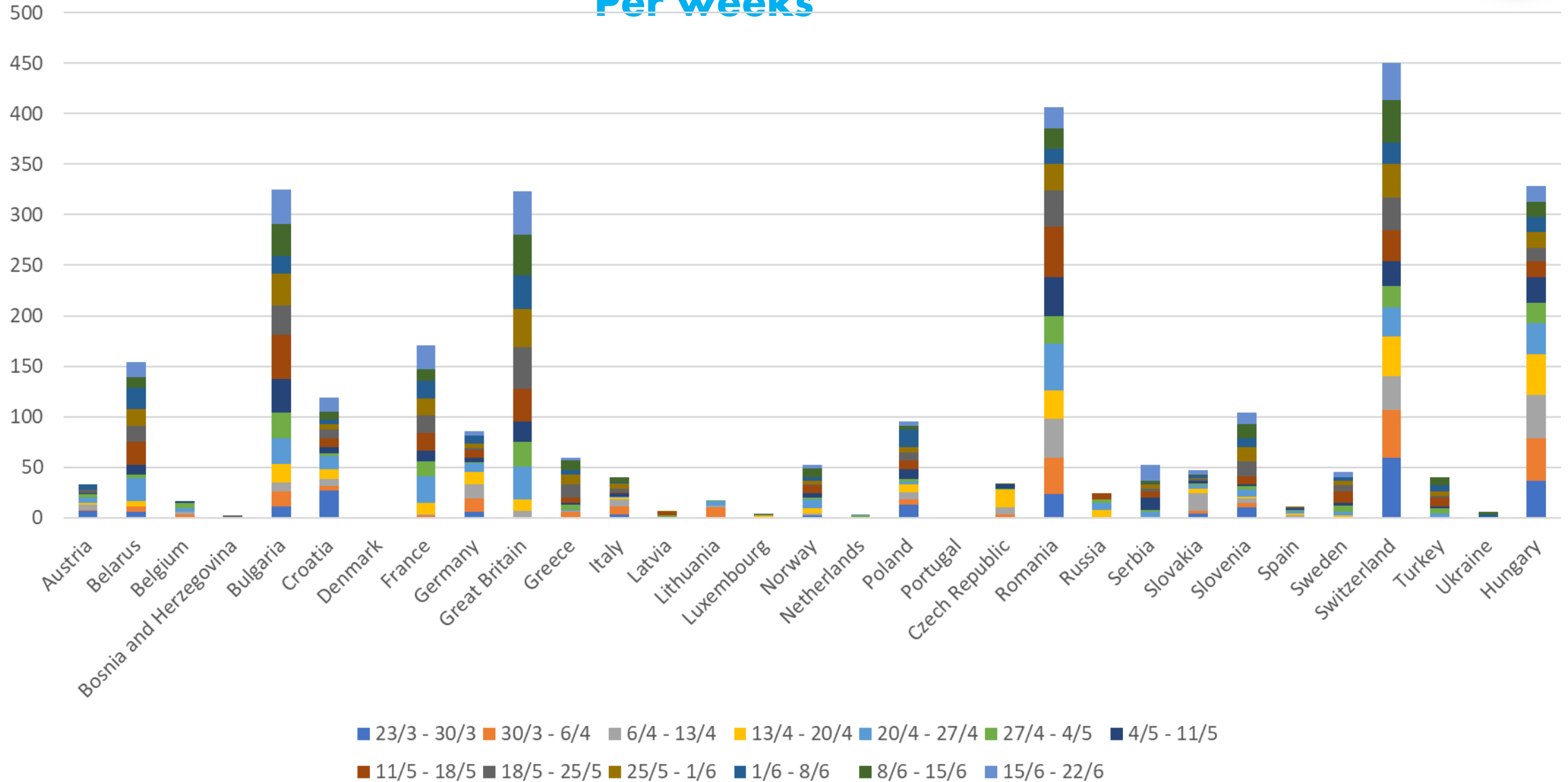
No. of critical situations detected at the borders of destination countries 23 March to 22 June 2020 - per weeks



Source: Uniontrasporti processing on data collected by the Sixfold platform



Crossing times (in hours) detected at the border countries of destination from 23 March to 22 June 2020 Per weeks

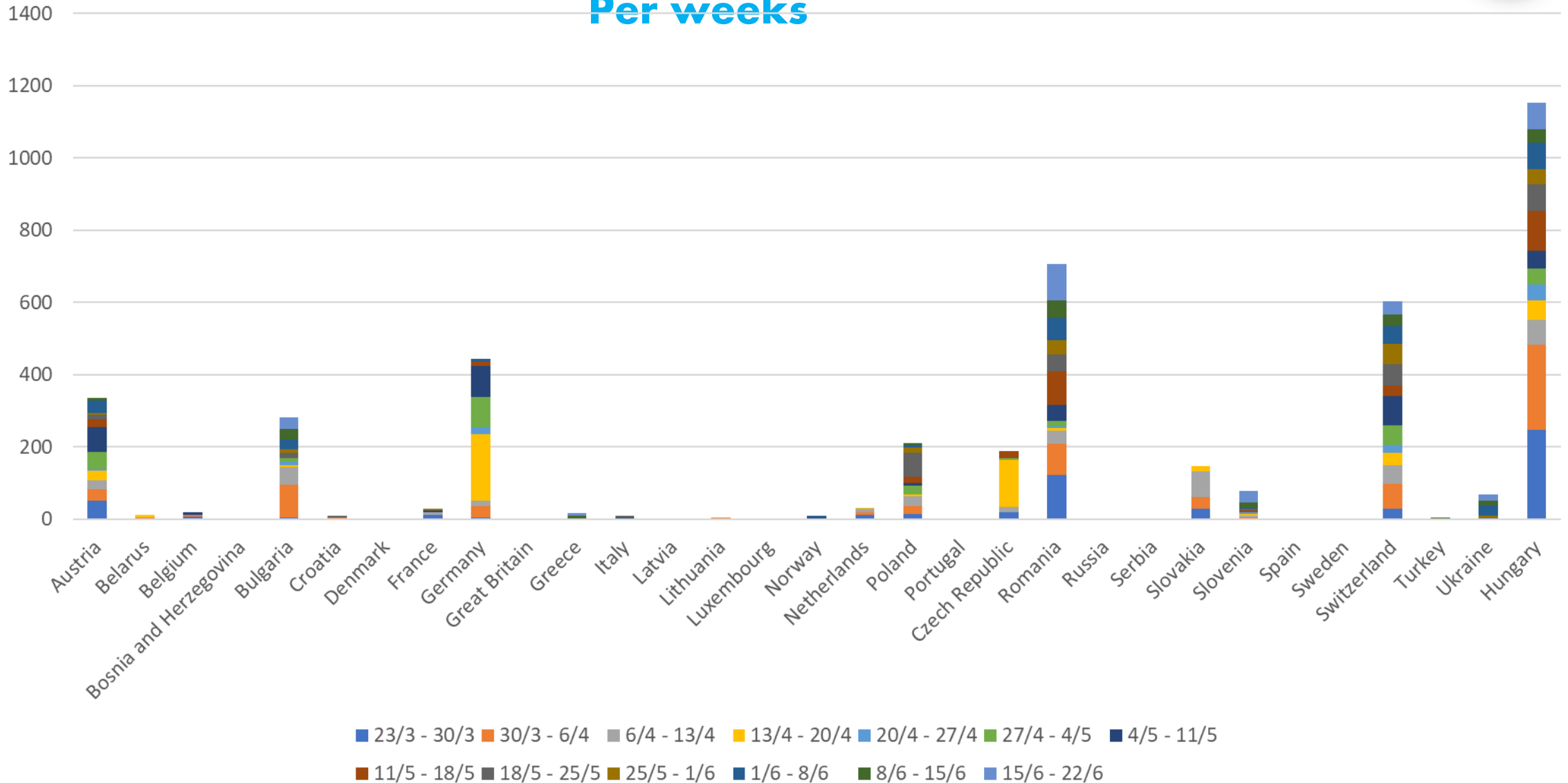


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Total length of queues (in km) detected at borders countries of destination from 23 March to 22 June 2020

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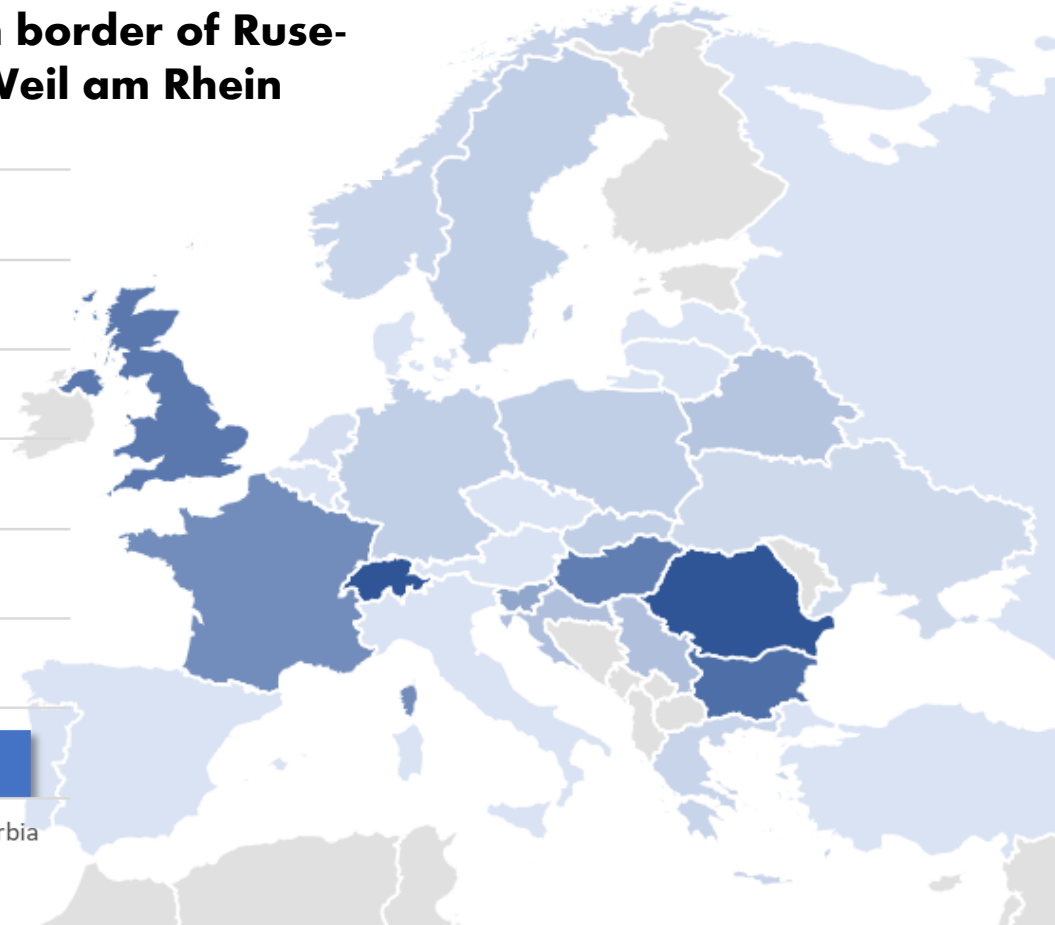
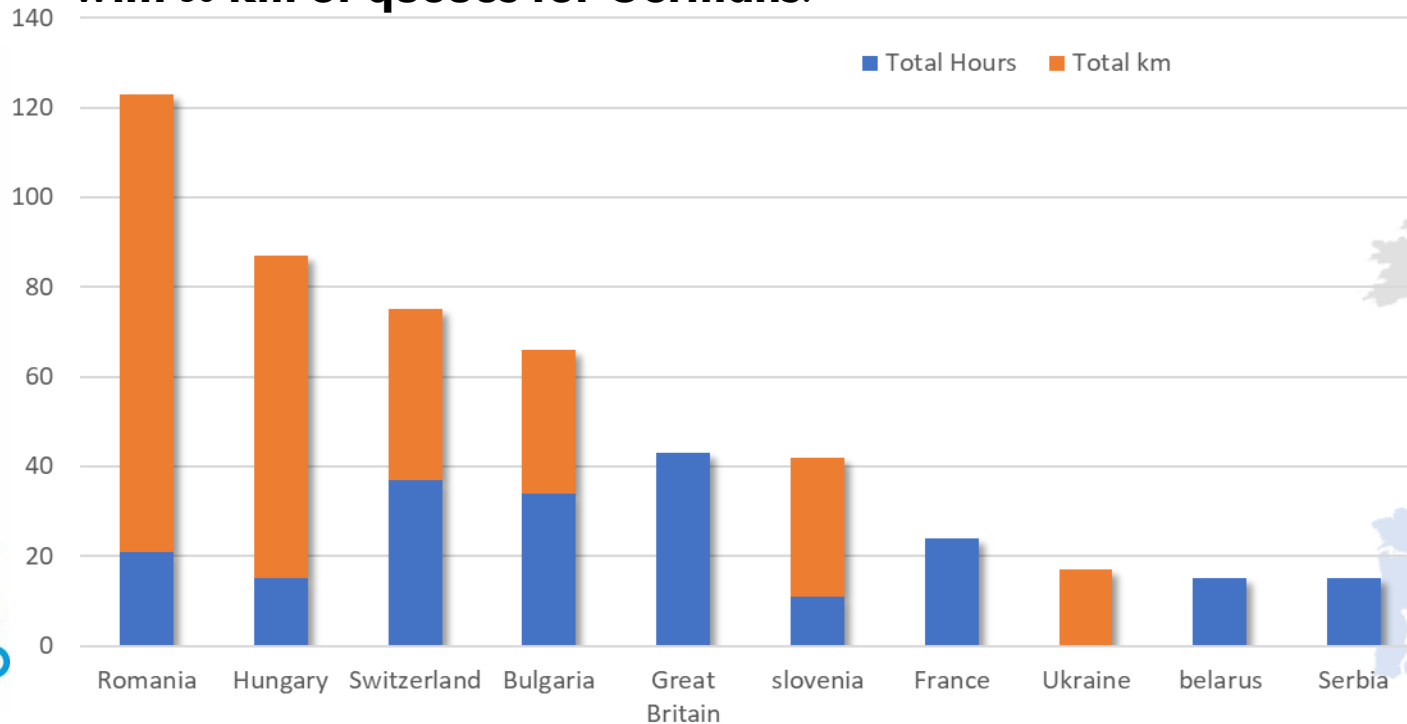
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Macro evaluations week 15 to 22 June 2020



If we consider the **number of critical border situations** detected in the last week, as shown in the map (which only considers countries with more than 3 critical situations), the Romanian, Swiss and Bulgarian borders were the most critical ones with 28, 28 and 23 situations respectively.

Considering the **waiting hours and the km of queues**, the most critical border was the Romanian/Hungarian border of Nagylak - Nădlac with 68 km of queues for Romanians and 46 for Hungarians, the Romanian border of Ruse-Giurgiu with 56 km for Bulgarians and the Swiss border of Weil am Rhein with 38 km of queues for Germans.



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