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



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Attention:

After 4 months of regular updates, the monitoring service will be suspended as of 27 July 2020. All interested parties can find out about the current situation at the [Viaggiare Sicuri website](#) of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at the Italian Embassies in the countries concerned. Should the situation worsen, the reactivation of the service will be evaluated.

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](#).

ATTENTION: From 9 to 31 July, entry into Italy is forbidden for individuals who have stayed in or crossed one of the following countries in the previous 14 days: Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brazil, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Chile, Kuwait, Northern Macedonia, Moldova, Oman, Panama, Peru, Dominican Republic and Serbia. Exceptions to the prohibition for Italian citizens, EU citizens, citizens of a Schengen country and the United Kingdom (COMPULSORY QUARANTINE). [Details here](#).

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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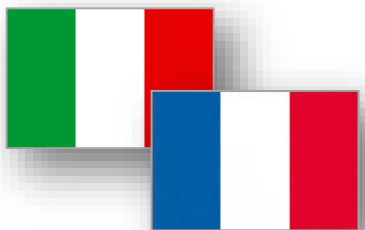


The European [regulation 2020/696](#) on the renewal of certain certificates, licences and authorisations for freight transport came into force on 4th June. This means that driving licences, permits and authorisations in the EU Member States have been provisionally extended, unless the respective state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

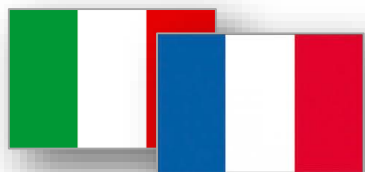
The platform provides real-time information on border measures and available means of transport in the Member States. It also contains practical information on travel restrictions, public health and safety measures (social distancing, use of masks, etc.). The platform is optimised for mobile devices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

FREJUS TUNNEL



On 25 June, SFTRF and SITAF decided to amend the rules on access to the Fréjus Road Tunnel for Euro 3 and Euro 4 goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes. It was decided at first to ban these vehicles from using the tunnel as of 1 July 2020. However, in the context of the current Covid-19 pandemic, there is now a derogation of this rule. From 1 July until 30 September 2020, Euro 3 and Euro 4 goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes can still drive through the Fréjus Road Tunnel provided that the vehicle owners have already ordered replacement greener vehicles (Euro 5 or Euro 6). A [declaration](#) has to be filled out (in Italian, French or English).









MONT BLANC TUNNEL



From 1 July circulation in the Mont Blanc Tunnel will be prohibited for vehicles weighting more than 3.5 tons of Euro 4 category.





















<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. Sporadic border controls continue to be carried out. The driving ban calendar 2020 will probably be reintroduced from Saturday, 25 July. The extended Saturday driving ban for trucks on Saturdays (from 07.00 to 15.00 hours) is therefore expected to be reintroduced. Traffic in the direction of Italy will most likely be exempt from this ban.</p>	
<p>BULGARIA</p> 	<p>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>	













POLAND 	<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. On 26 June, the Polish authorities introduced summer traffic restrictions for vehicles over 12 tonnes, which are as follows: From 18:00 to 22:00 on Fridays; From 08:00 to 14:00 on Saturdays; From 08:00 to 22:00 on Sundays. Restrictions will be in force until 30 August.</p>	
CZECH REPUBLIC 	<p>Individuals coming from "high risk" regions or countries are obliged to follow the regulations of the Czech Ministry of the Interior. The following documents are required for entry into the Czech Republic: a document certifying the status of an international transport worker, a certificate of professional competence, an employment contract and, for drivers of companies based in the EU, a Czech translation of their employment contract.</p>	
CROATIA 	<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>	
ROMANIA 	<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. All border crossing points are open to goods vehicles, except Oancea (on the border with the Republic of Moldova) and Naidas (on the border with Serbia). Romanian border police provide updates on the current situation at borders here. Members are reminded that transit corridors are still in force: vehicles transiting through Romania must leave the country within 48 hours from their entry.</p>	











SLOVENIA 	<p>Drivers transiting through Slovenia must leave the country after 12 hours from their entry. On 25 June, effective immediately, the government decided to take Luxembourg and Montenegro off the Green List, and also added Portugal and Albania to the Red List (where the following European countries are included: the UK, Andorra, Belgium, Sweden, Russia, Belarus, Serbia, Moldova, North Macedonia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, and Albania). Individuals coming from these countries need to quarantine for 14 days upon entering Slovenia.</p>	
SWITZERLAND 	<p>Since 15 June, all border crossings are open again. There may be traffic jams at the borders to Germany and France.</p>	
HUNGARY 	<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>	
SERBIA 	<p>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>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. Controls at internal borders have been lifted for the following countries: Germany, Italy, Austria, Greece, Switzerland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Hungary, Liechtenstein. Travel to Finland has been allowed for people coming from Croatia, Cyprus and Ireland. Internal border control and travel restrictions will continue between Finland and the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Luxembourg, Malta, Portugal, Poland, France, Sweden and the Czech Republic,</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. Phase 4 of the lockdown easing plan will start on 1 July, with no impact on transport operations.</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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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>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. From 1 July Malta reopens its borders with several countries, including Italy (with the exception of Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Piedmont). On arrival in Malta, travellers must sign a declaration that they have spent the last 30 days in a "safe list" country.</p>	

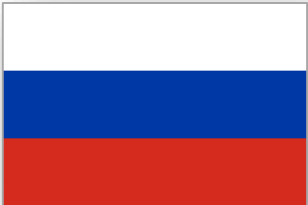









<p>GREECE</p> 	<p>The land borders with Albania, Northern Macedonia and Turkey remain closed until further notice. Drivers travelling to Greece must submit a duly completed form and receive a QR code. The document can be completed at any time prior to arrival (while passengers travelling to Greece must submit the form within 48 hours before arrival).</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) must submit a form 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. On 29th June Lithuania introduced a 14 day isolation obligation for its citizens and residents arriving from the 50 most affected countries including Sweden, Russia and Belarus. Drivers engaged in international freight transport are exempt from this requirement.</p>	











<p>DENMARK</p> 	<p>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. Since 1 July, new restrictions on low emission zones have been in force in Denmark, which apply to vehicles over 3.5 tonnes (buses and trucks) registered from 1 October 2009. For more information about the restrictions and how to deal with them, click here.</p>	
<p>SLOVAKIA</p> 	<p>The relaxation of driving and rest periods will no longer apply from 1 June 2020. The government has drawn up a list of endangered countries, but international road hauliers remain exempt from any regulations.</p>	
<p>GREAT BRITAIN</p> 	<p>Drivers must 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. The government has announced the suspension of tolls for heavy vehicles of 12 tonnes or more for the period from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021. Foreign operators who have already made the annual payment can request a refund for the period from 1 August 2020 to 31 July 2021 via their user account. Foreign operators who normally pay "pay as they go" will not be charged for the use of the UK network between 1 August 2020 and 31 July 2021.</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>Since 15 June, the sea and air borders have been reopened and public transport has been suspended until further notice. Since 1 June the land borders with all neighbouring countries have been open.</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 - Brichen (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 - Rossoşanî, 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-Rossoşanî Criva - Mamaliga Giurgiuleşti-Reni Ocniţa-Sokireanî Larga - Kelmenţi (on the border with Ukraine).</p>	



<p>BOSNIEN HERZEGOWINA</p> 	<p>The authorities in Bosnia and Herzegovina have declared a state of emergency in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The entry of all foreign nationals, with the exception of Croatian, Serbian and Montenegrin citizens, has been suspended. EXCEPTION: Drivers for road transport of goods, provided that they observe certain medical precautions and do not remain on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina for more than 12 hours (whether for transit or delivery within Bosnia and Herzegovina).</p>	
<p>NORD MAZEDOEN</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, Ilino 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 passing 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 retest the tests from 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>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. From 1 July, drivers in transit traffic will no longer be obliged to use designated motorways or to stop and refuel at designated rest areas or petrol stations or to leave Belarus no later than the next day on the day of entry.</p>	

Monitoring of 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 3,399 critical situations detected up to 20 July morning: if we consider the 15-minute limit desired by the EU to cross a border, it should take about 850 hours in total. The reality of these 17 weeks is quite different with 4,136 hours (4.9 times longer) and almost 5.5 thousand km of queues.

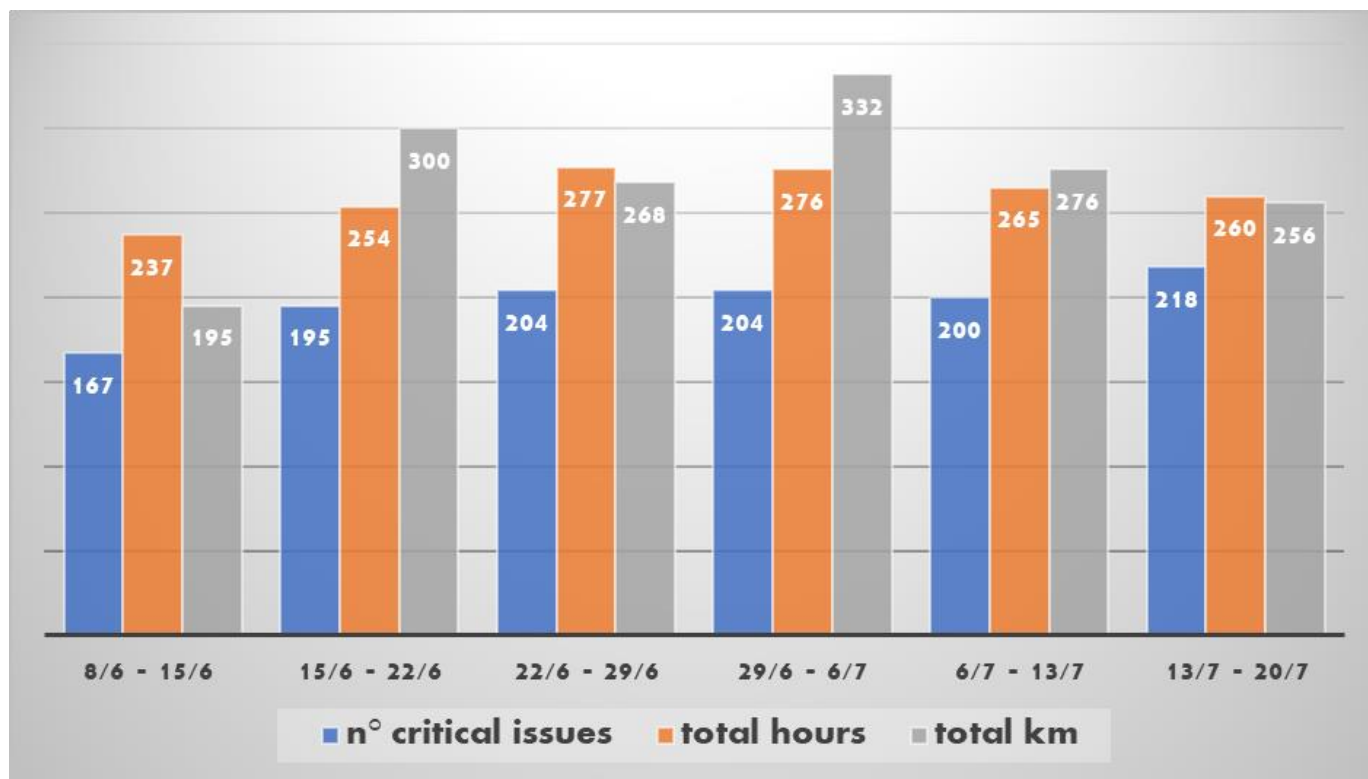
The **evolution of critical situations for each country of destination** and for each of these 17 weeks of monitoring is also reported, in terms of number of situations, overall crossing times and total length of queues detected.

Monitoring critical situations at the borders

Macro assessments from 6 to 20 July 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.



In the last two weeks of the monitoring (6/13 July and 13/20 July) there was substantial stability for the number of critical situations (218 vs 200 vs 204) and for waiting hours (260 vs 265 vs 276), with a more marked reduction for queues at the borders (256 vs 276 vs 332).

Romania, Bulgaria and the United Kingdom have exceeded the limit of 20 critical situations/week and 35 hour waiting/week. The most critical queues concerned Switzerland (101 km in two weeks) and Ukraine (206 km in two weeks).



Top five criticalities detected at the borders of the destination countries

23 March to 20 July 2020



In these 4 months of border monitoring, there are a number of countries that have distinguished themselves in terms of the number of critical situations, the hours spent crossing the border and the overall length of the queues. In the 3 distinct rankings, it is noted that Switzerland, Romania and Hungary are always present, alternating at the top. While Bulgaria and the United Kingdom are in the first two rankings, Ukraine and Germany are in the top five in the queue due to critical situations that emerged in two very different periods: for Germany the 4 weeks from 13/4 to 11/5, for Ukraine the last month from 22/6 to 20/7.

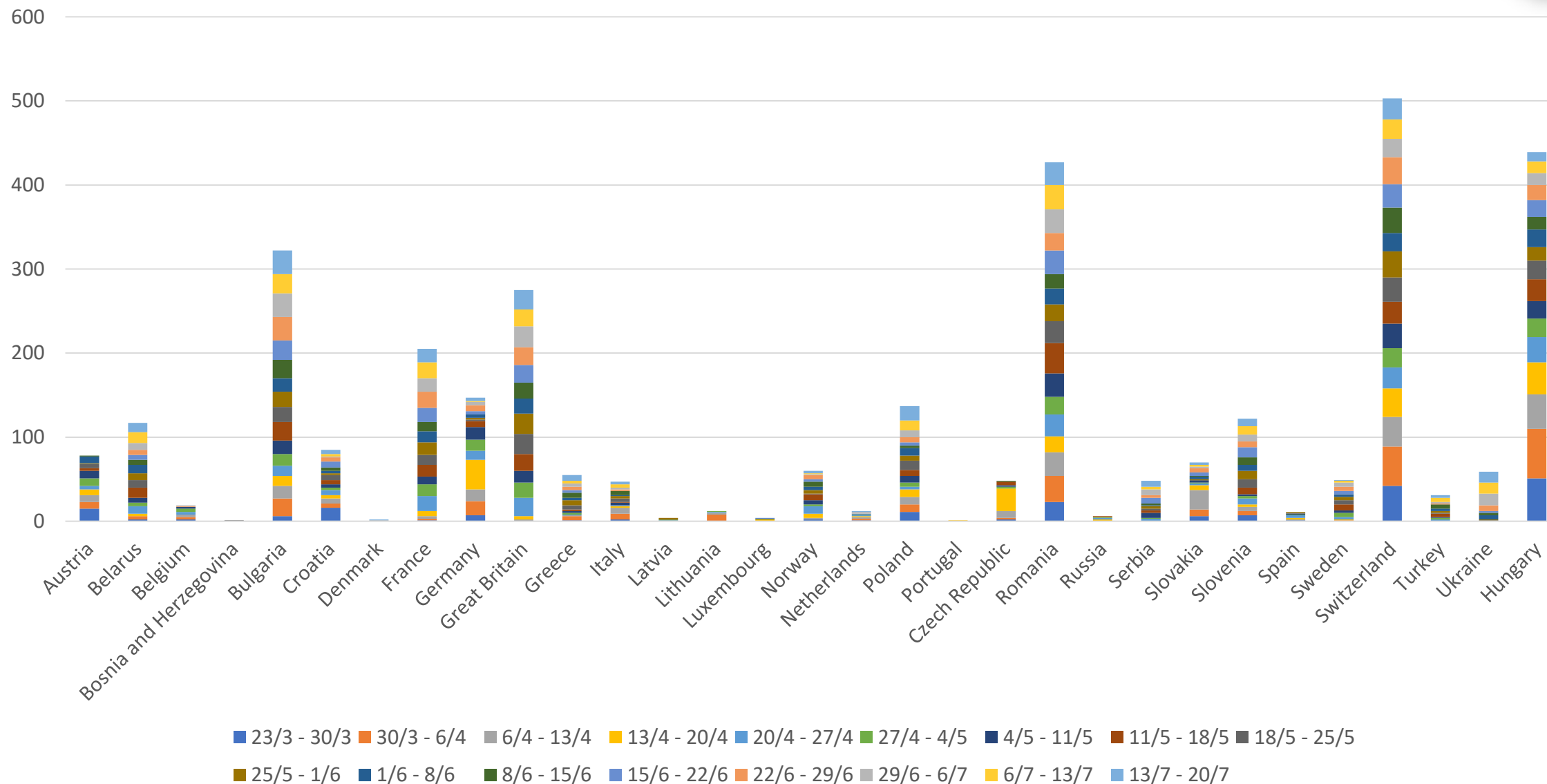
Country	Critical situations
SWITZERLAND	500
HUNGARY	440
ROMANIA	425
BULGARIA	320
UK	280

Country	Waiting hours
ROMANIA	560
SWITZERLAND	550
BULGARIA	490
UK	475
HUNGARY	395

Country	Km of queue
HUNGARY	1.120
ROMANIA	840
SWITZERLAND	780
UKRAINE	460
Germany	450



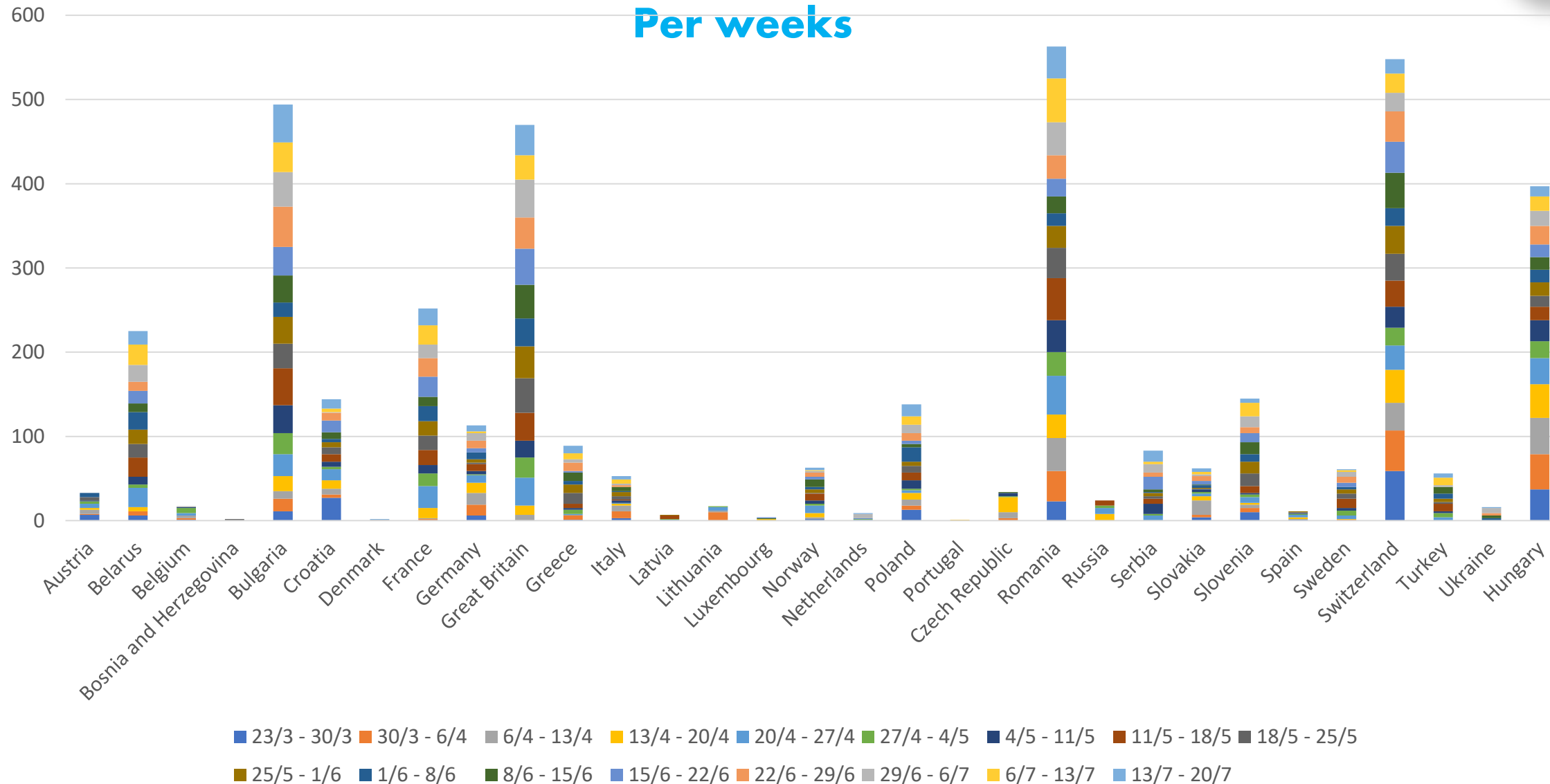
No. of critical situations detected at the borders of destination countries 23 March to 20 July 2020 - per weeks



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 20 July 2020

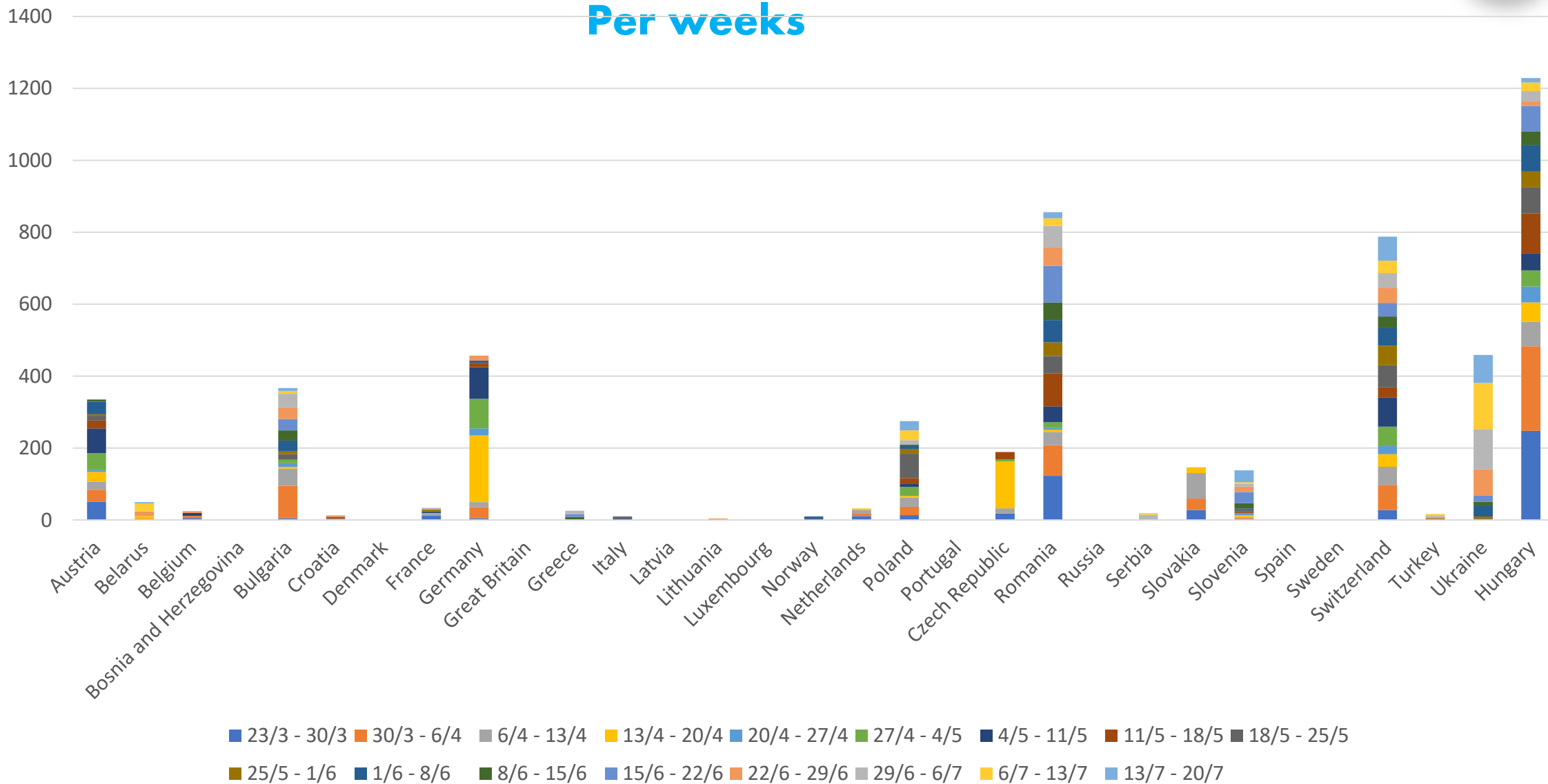
Per weeks



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Total length of queues (in km) detected at borders countries of destination from 23 March to 20 July 2020

Per weeks



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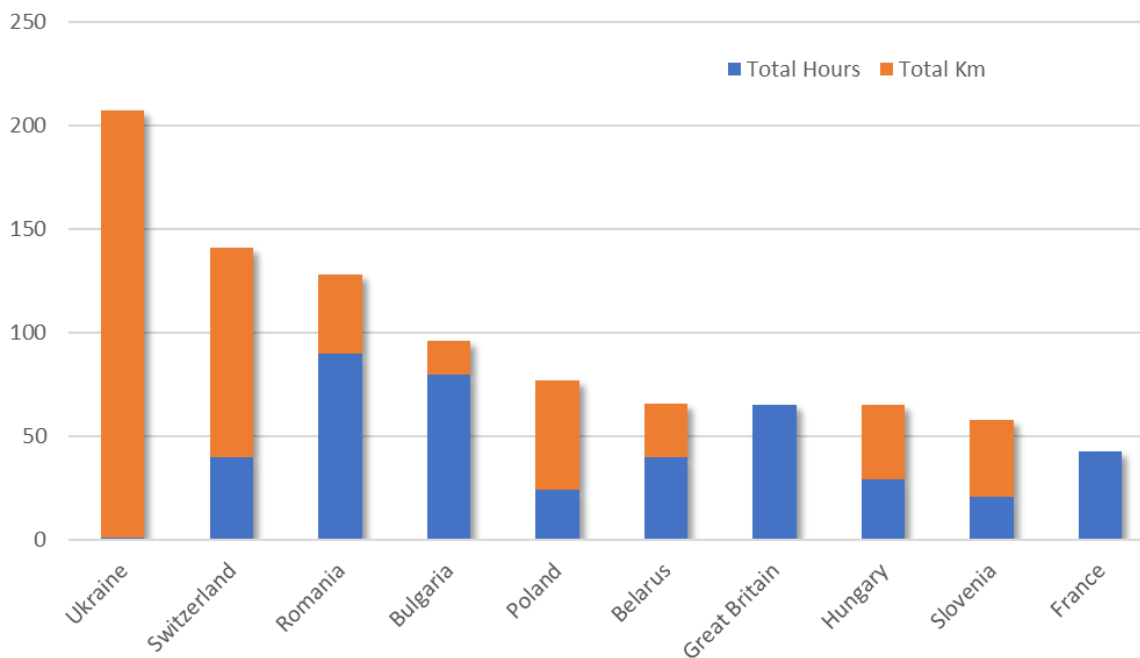
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Evaluations - 14 days from 6 to 20 July 2020



If we consider the **number of critical border situations** detected in the last two weeks, as shown in the map (which considers only countries with more than 3 critical situations), the Romanian, Bulgarian and Swiss borders were the most critical ones with 56, 51 and 48 situations respectively.

Considering the **hours of waiting and the km of queues**, the most critical borders in the last two weeks have been the Ukrainian/Polish border of Chelm - Liubomlskyi with over 200 km of queues for Poles and 53 km for Ukrainians, and the Swiss border of Weil am Rhein with 97 km of queues for Germans.



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