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## RETURNING CREW MAY BE UP FOR QUARANTINE

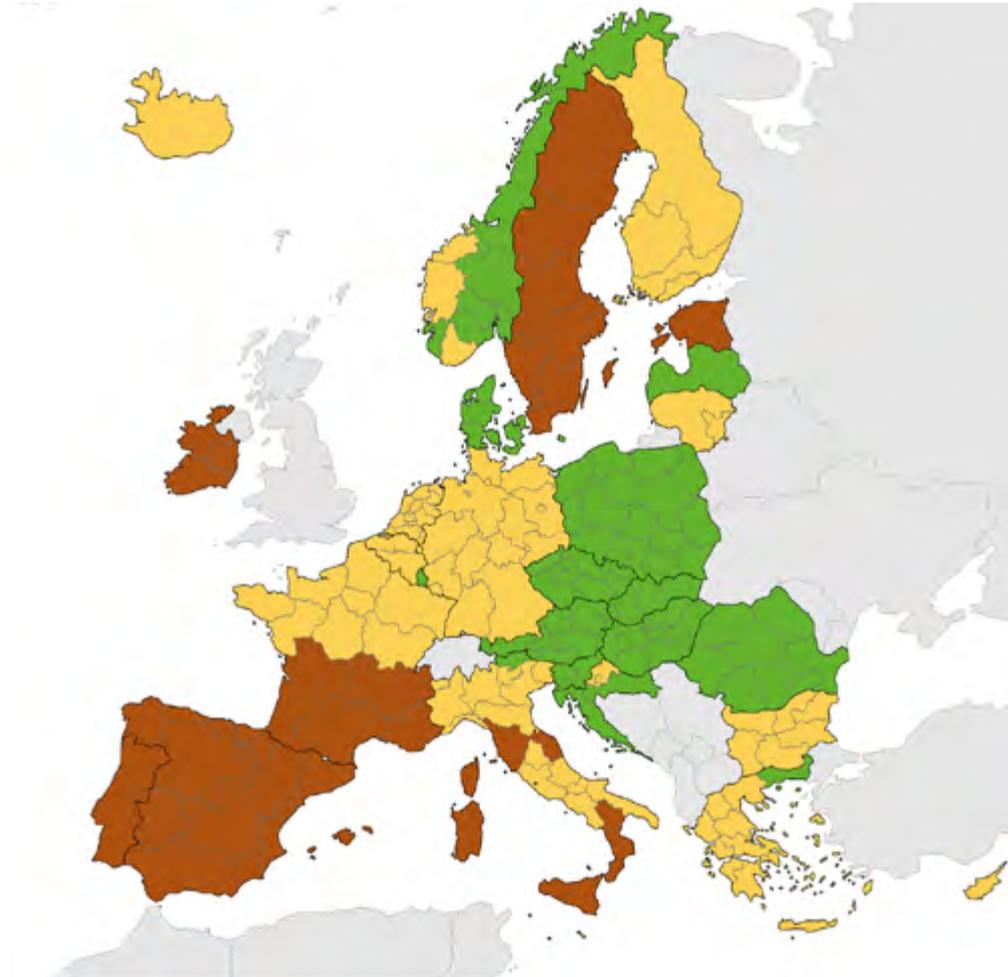
New rules of quarantine have been announced by Romania starting July 2021. Sailors and seafarers, are no longer exempt from quarantine after they return from a trip abroad, depending on which territory they were coming from and other conditions.

Romania, which follows its own risk classification for COVID-19, has classified countries in three categories (Red, Yellow and Green) according to the incidence rate of new infection in that territory and the corresponding risk of transmission through a person arriving to Romania from that country.

As per new quarantine regulations, sailors and seafarers are no longer exempt from quarantine if they are coming from Red countries, but certain conditions still apply. Sailors who have received their final vaccination for COVID-19 at least 10 days before travel are exempt from quarantine. They are just required to show proof of vaccination, including the dates. So are sailors who have contracted Coronavirus in the last 180 days but not tested positive for the virus in the last 14 days.

Sailors arriving from Yellow countries, who do not provide a pre-departure negative PCR-RT test taken within 72 hours prior to arrival, are subject to a 14-day quarantine. Length of quarantine may be shortened by taking a PCR test no less than 8 days after arrival. If the result of this test is negative, the quarantine may end on Day 10.

Sailors arriving from Green countries can enter Romania without being subject to any isolation or testing requirements. Sailors arriving from Red countries are subject to a 14-day quarantine. The quarantine must take place at the person's home or any other location of the individual's choosing provided public health officials are informed of that location. The length of the quarantine may be shortened by taking a PCR-RT test no less than 8 days after arrival. If the test result is negative, the quarantine may end on Day 10. These rules apply irrespective of how different airlines may regulate movement of passengers returning from Belgium, Germany or the Netherlands, which has already been notified as a high-risk Red territory by Romania. We have made our own crew transport arrangements to facilitate safe and isolated transfers to and from Romania. See Page 3.



Latest COVID-19 incidence and risk map as given by the ECDC. To be updated next week.

### COVID-19 test positivity, EU/EEA week 30



### Regions not visible in the main map extent



### Countries not visible in the main map extent



## Hiring for new fleet of hi-tech tankers

Inland Crew Solutions is looking for skilled and experienced sailors of all ranks to work on a state-of-the-art tanker fleet equipped with low-emission LNG propulsion and extreme shallow draft capabilities. This is a new generation of environment friendly vessels that will play a role in the energy transition of all water transport. Candidates with suitable tanker experience as well as ADN certificates can apply to our Recruitment Office (details below) immediately. The job provides excellent wages and comfortable work environment, including modern crew accommodation. The vessels will primarily operate in the Rhine and A-R-A sectors. The right candidates can expect excellent career and growth prospects.



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## Safety checks on river vessels

A series of recent river traffic accidents and alarming recreational boating incidents prompted the Romanian Naval Authority to shore up patrolling and control actions to verify if leisure boats, fishing boats and passenger vessels on the inland water channels have all the necessary papers and observe the correct safety protocol. The main aim of these actions was to raise safety awareness among recreational boat operators, preventing repeated abuse of alcohol on board boats, as well as checking the validity of papers for the vessel and their sailors.

Several checks were carried out in July with the help of the River Police under the Safewaters Action Plan. Six pleasure boats were checked on Vidraru and three violations were penalized to a total of 10,500 lei. On Lake Snagov near Bucharest, 24 boats were checked and violations were penalized 2,000 lei. Further, two boat driver permits were seized and temporarily suspended.

On the Danube near the Corabia port, 12 pleasure boats and fishing boats were randomly checked but no violations were reported from these. These checks were carried out between 31st July and 1st August by the River Police with the Ilt County administration. In the interior waterways of the Delta, the Naval Authority and River Police checked 42 boats and fines worth 500 lei and a warning were issued to five boat owners. Officials further indicated that these control actions are expected to continue all summer.

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## River ports see profits drop in 2020

River ports across Romania saw their profits dropping due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the consequent lockdown in 2020. The ports of Galați had a total turnover of 52.14 million lei last year, up 1.14 million lei compared to the previous year, according to the Ministry of Finance. Net profits were up 1.418 million lei for the corresponding period, a margin considered quite narrow given that Galați is the main river port on the Danube in Romania.

The mineral port of Romportmet, known to be the main engine of the Galați port network because of its proximity to the Liberty Iron and Steel Works, had a turnover of 36.50 million lei with revenues of 38.85 million lei and a slender net profit margin of 318,915 lei. Even then, its profit was higher than 135,124 lei in 2019 but significantly lower than 436,247 lei in 2018.

The Unicom Oil Terminal at Galați port, specializing in petroleum products, showed a substantial increase in net profits in 2020 compared to 2019, with a net profit of 1.29 million lei compared to 2019 and 2018 when it ended with losses of 477,085 lei and 368,713 lei respectively. The Metaltrade Group had a rough 2020. Its Port Bazinul Nou, with revenues of 1.9 million lei, had a net profit of 169,257 lei, while its Port Docuri, with revenues of 7.79 million lei registered net losses of 359,733 lei in 2020.

The recently announced modernization Maritime Danube Ports Administration (APDM) Galați will no doubt help Metaltrade in mitigation losses in the future but it all depends on how quickly the project can be financed through the Large Infrastructure Operational Program (POIM). The APDM is currently undertaking a feasibility study for the modernization.

1 Leu = EUR 0.20



## Ensuring Safe Crew Transportation

Since the 2020 outbreak of Coronavirus in Romania, and after a brief ban on movement into and from Romania, Inland Crew Solutions has made its own crew transit arrangements keeping in mind the high risk of virus transmission by way of travel. Following a brief lockdown in the first half of 2020, our crew have been facilitated with home and vessel pick up by a fleet of small transport vehicles known for their long-distance capabilities. We are happy to report that none of our crew have so far taken ill on board because of contracting the virus during their transit. This has been made possible by our transportation partners who were quick to provide us with sanitised passenger carriers, mostly Mercedes-Benz Sprinters and VW Transporters with limited seating and contact restrictions in place.

For nearly a year now, we have provided contamination free transport to our crew which picks them up from a point nearest their home and drops them off near their vessel, with similar options after disembarkation. The minibuses are disinfected before leaving Romania and the process is repeated after crew get off the vehicle. Masks, spray sanitizers and PPE kits are made available depending on the state of alert in a particular territory. Safe route planning ensures on-time transit. Cost of one-way transport for each person is 200 euros and it takes anywhere between 24 and 32 hours, depending on the traffic, time at the border, location of vessel, etc. With air fares rising and airports introducing new screening measures, road transport remains the most reliable crew transit solution for EU locations.