

The Corona Crisis and EU Governance – A turning point?

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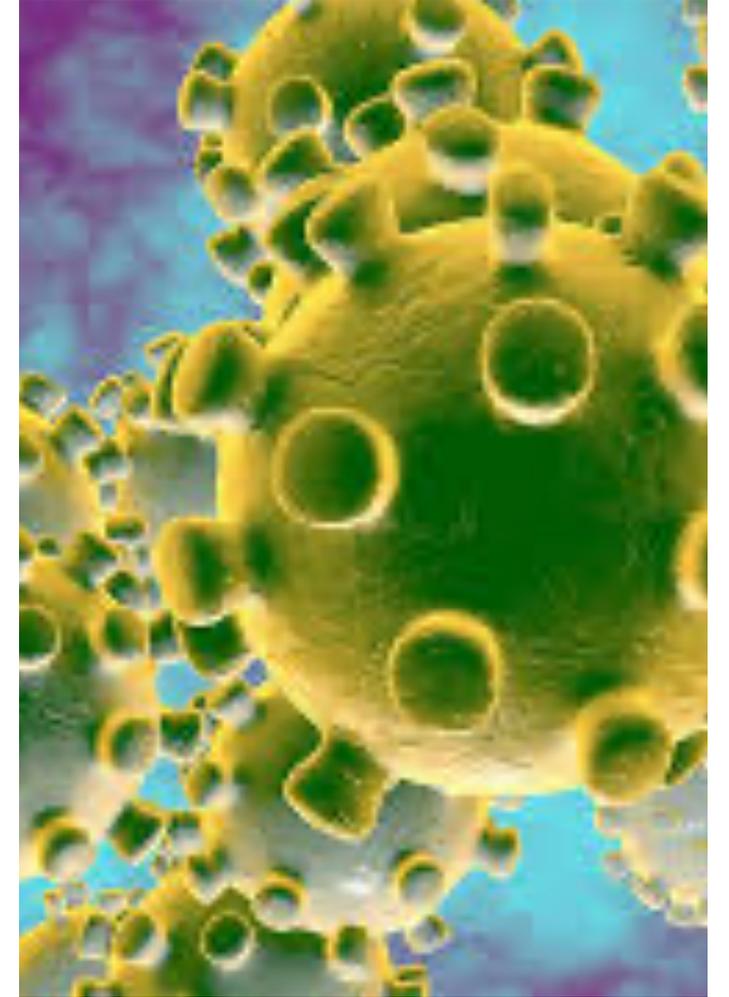
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- Will the pandemic have lasting impact on what European publics expect of their governments?
 - Salience of the government and perceived importance of strong government (*EP Eurobarometer 23 June 2020*)
 - Government and opposition
 - Increase in valuation of independent public media (versus commercial or social media) but challenges of funding
 - Revaluing expertise – national; EU-wide collaboration
 - Redistribution
 - Lasting impact of the crisis – economic recession



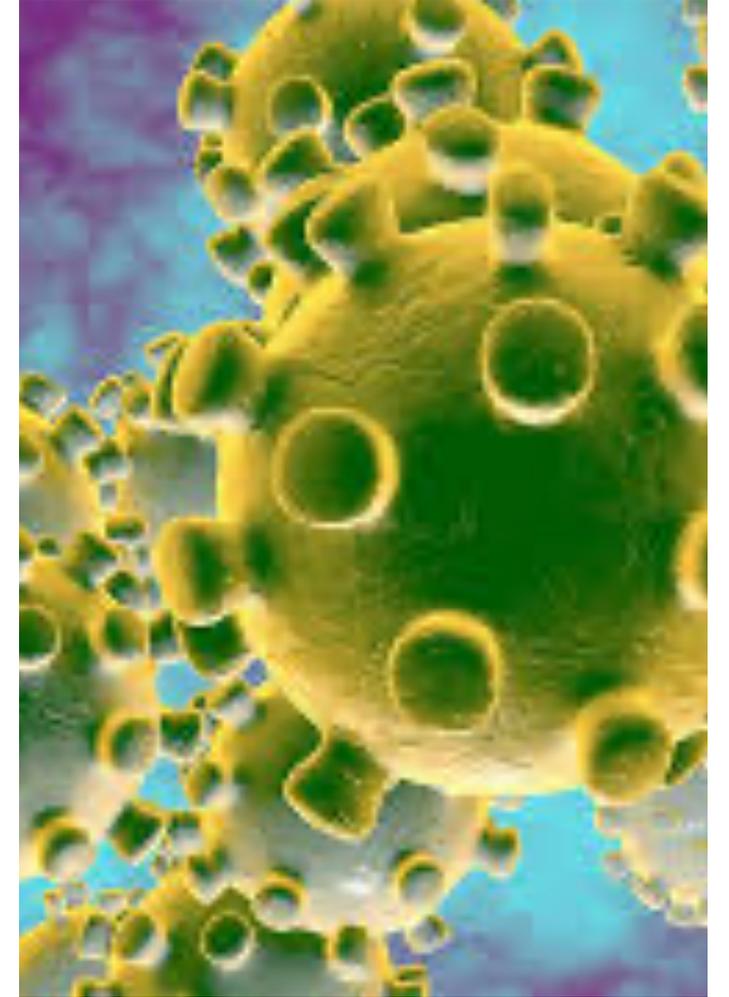
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- Are we converging towards a more activist state in the economy?
 - A trend towards offsetting differences rich/poor
 - Turning point away from 'neoliberalism' towards more state intervention
 - Discussions about universal basic income, unemployment benefits, EU level social policy developments



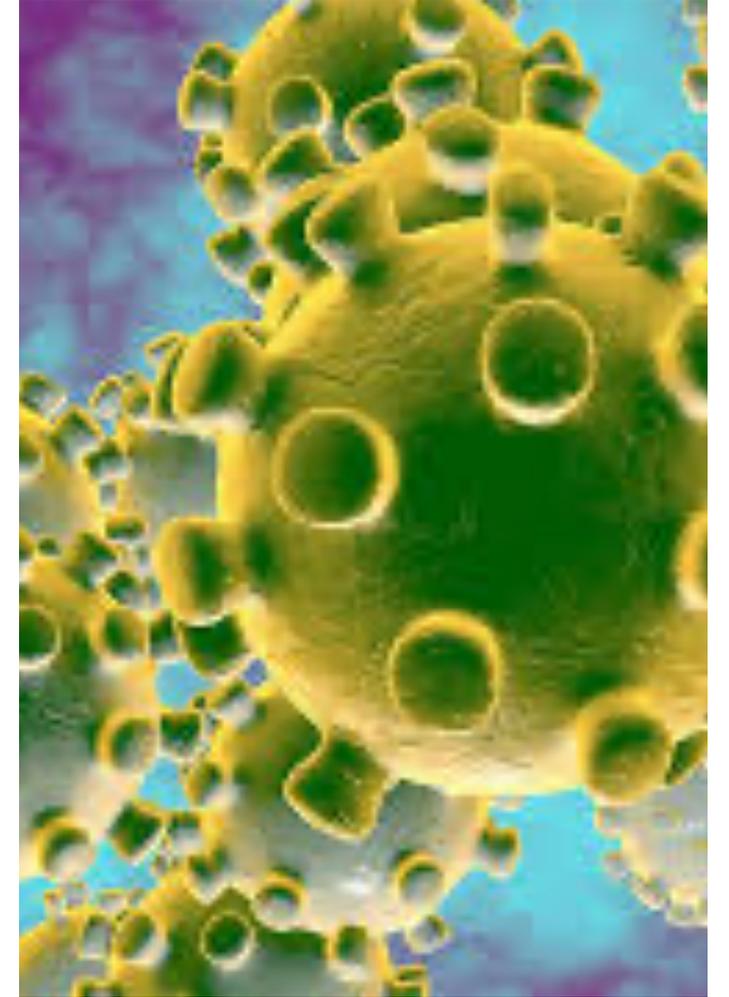
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- What is the longer-term impact on the EU (rules and governance); a transformative moment for the eurozone?
 - Difficult to see in advance; in hindsight all will be clear
 - Coinciding with Brexit
 - Step towards more solidarity
 - Make or break moment
 - Renewed European integration spirit
 - Recovery Fund Proposal (Merkel/Macron vs Frugal Four)



Conclusion: The Corona Crisis and EU Governance – A turning point?

- It is an important turning point
- More state activism
- EU involvement in crisis management, redistribution, solidarity
- Start of the post-UK EU
- Importance of collaboration in areas of pandemics, health, expertise



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