

## City: Göteborg (SE)

This series of fact sheets only includes measures taken by the above-mentioned city authorities during the first wave of the pandemic to strengthen public health security, adapt various aspects of city life to new reality, support vulnerable populations and support the local economy. The fact sheet has been prepared based on official sources and media reporting. However, given the variegated degrees of online communication efficiency from the part of various city authorities, and the risks associated with collecting information from non-standardised online sources (including media), please note that the information in the table may not be comprehensive.

### Contextual information

#### Territory concerned by measures

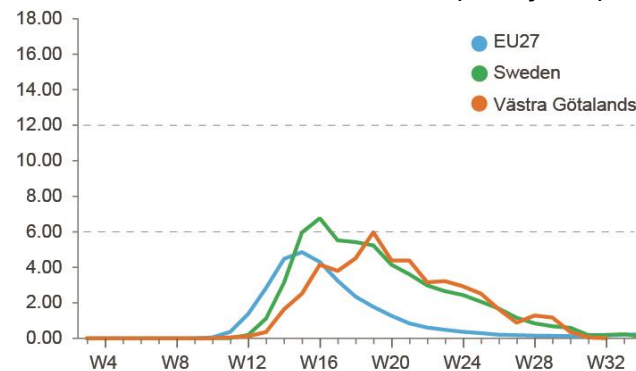
Measures described below have been taken by municipal authorities of Göteborg.

#### General information<sup>1</sup>

Type of territory	City
City population (2018)	564 000
FUA population (2018)	1 022 000
Level of COVID-19 mortality*	Low

\*COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants shown at the corresponding NUTS3 level (Västra Götaland Region)

#### COVID-19 deaths / 100 000 inhabitants (weekly data)



### Policy answers at local level - Measures<sup>2</sup>

Health security	Date	Persp. <sup>3</sup>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acting as a facilitator between those that produce and sell protective equipment and those that need them.</li> </ul>	---	ST/ MT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilitating, for the employers, the acquisition of suitable personal protective equipment, by including them in "temporary framework agreement for ordering scarce goods."</li> </ul>	---	ST/ MT
<h4>Daily way of life and work</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial compensation to sport associations and organizations.</li> <li>50% tariff reduction at tolled parking places 20 April and 30 June 2020.</li> <li>Interdiction for passengers to travel in the "front seat placement for travel business trips" to protect drivers.</li> <li>Free bikes for the first half hour.</li> <li>Temporary bike lanes in car lanes &amp; more space for walking on popular streets.</li> <li>Creation of an online calendar of activities in Goteborg that assure distance maintenance.</li> <li>Reduction of the max number of passengers who can travel in the public transport vehicles.</li> <li>Creation of opportunities for experiencing culture online (museum organizing digital resources, libraries borrowing digital books, filming and publishing videos with local authors on YouTube).</li> <li>Municipal grants temporarily changing their regulations to encourage (cultural) projects opened up for digital and other new expressions.</li> <li>Strengthening "support for free cultural life" by providing money for a greater number of projects related to film industry.</li> </ul>	7-Apr 20-Apr 25-May --- --- --- --- --- --- ---	ST/ MT ST ST ST/ MT ST/ MT ST/ MT ST MT/ LT MT MT
<h4>Support to vulnerable populations</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Online meeting points</li> <li>A phone line that offers digital support for seniors.</li> <li>Communication support for disabled people.</li> <li>Communication support for disabled people.</li> <li>Financial aid for vulnerable people</li> </ul>	---	ST/ MT ST/ MT ST ST ST

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| • Creation of a solidarity group   | ---               | ST |
| • Cultural initiatives for elderly | Spring&<br>Summer | ST |

### Support to economic actors & recovery

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| • Financial support for those who postponed or canceled an event.   | --- | ST/ MT |
| • Helping companies in paying the rent in a municipality-owned property.  | --- | ST/ MT |
| • Earlier permits for outdoor cafes (19 March instead of 1 April).  | --- | ST     |
| • Postponement of environmental inspection.   | --- | ST     |
| • Postponement of payments for permits, waste management, land leases of public space.  | --- | ST     |
| • Reduction to 0 of certain fees for the provision of public space for sales purposes.  | --- | ST     |
| • Consultancy for entrepreneurs to find the right support and explore existing opportunities (related to national support packages and other financial assistance opportunities). | --- | MT     |

## Policy answers at local level - Overall strategy

	Mitigating	Compensating	Circumventing	Exploit	No Policy
Health security	✓				
Daily way of life and work	✓	✓	✓		
Support to vulnerable populations	✓	✓	✓		
Support to economic actors & recovery	✓	✓			

<sup>1</sup> Data source: EUROSTAT (*urb\_lpop1* and *urb\_cpop1*), and ESPON COVID-19 database for mortality levels. Thresholds for COVID-19 mortality levels: low (0-6 deaths/100,000 inh.), moderate (6-12 deaths/100,000 inh.) and high (>12 deaths/100 000 inh.).

<sup>2</sup> Main sources used: <https://goteborg.se/>

<sup>3</sup> ST = short term, MT = medium term, LT = long term.