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ABSTRACT:

We argue that the EU needs a more robust policy framework for the centralized procurement, storage and allocation of medical countermeasures against a pandemic, such as COVID-19. We conducted a survey before the COVID-19 outbreak to assess Dutch citizens' attitudes towards such a centralized European approach. It suggests that considerable public support exists for an effective policy framework centralizing the procurement, stockpiling, and allocation of medicines.

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