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Corrigendum

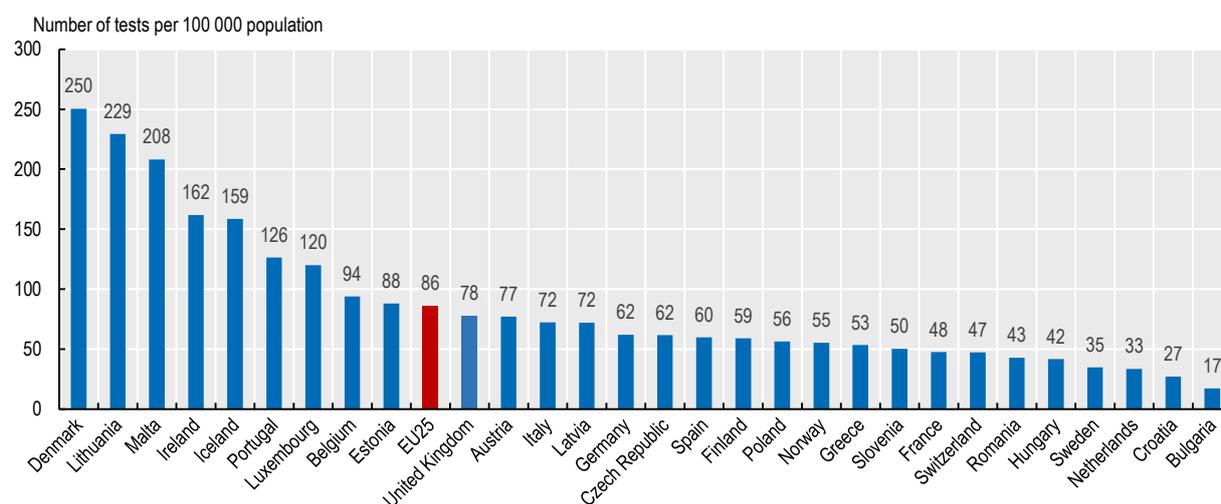
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Paragraph 3 was revised to reflect changes in Figure 1.8 and now reads as follows:

One way to estimate the initial COVID-19 testing capacity of countries is to look at the number of daily tests performed at the beginning of the outbreak. Figure 1.8 reports the daily number of tests per 100 000 population by country, 30 days after each country reached a mortality rate of ten deaths per million population.⁴ Denmark reported the highest number of daily tests performed, with 250 tests per 100 000 population, followed by Lithuania, Malta, Ireland and Iceland (between 150-230 tests).

Figure 1.8 was revised to correct a miscalculation and now reads as follows:

Figure 1.8. Daily number of tests per 100 000 population 30 days after the country recorded 10 deaths per million population (averaged over a week)



Note: The EU average is unweighted. In order to mitigate daily fluctuations in reporting, values displayed correspond to an average of the daily number of tests performed on the week of analysis. The analysis covers the period between February and June 2020.

Source: Roser et al. (2020_[20]), "Our World in Data", <https://ourworldindata.org/coronavirus>, accessed 6 July 2020.

Paragraph 2 was revised to reflect changes in Figure 1.8 and now reads as follows:

For testing, rapid scale-up of testing capacities, effective public health messages and population screening policies are key. Outside Europe, these factors largely explain Korea's excellent results in the early stages of the outbreak with relatively few tests, based on a swift and targeted approach that included innovative policies such as drive-through and phone booth testing centres, and strong public private partnerships. New Zealand has been another successful example. Within Europe, Denmark reported the highest number of daily tests in the early stages of the pandemic. Iceland was also able to rapidly scale-up testing, its success built on voluntary self-referrals and effective public information to encourage people to come forward.