

## 2. REOPENING PROCESS

### SUMMARY

As of the last week of May 2020, most European markets have indicated potential reopening dates for cinemas ranging from early May to early July. The territories for which a potential reopening date for cinemas has been announced are included in the table below. Please bear in mind that all the dates and reopening timelines included below are official dates from national authorities, which are not only provisional but also subject to change. Moreover, official authorization to reopen will not necessarily mean the effective reopening of all cinemas in a given territory.

COUNTRY	CLOSURE DATE	1st REOPENING PHASE	CINEMAS TBC REOPENING DATE
AUSTRIA	16 March	14 April	29 May
BELGIUM	14 March	18 April	1 July
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	13 March	11 May	14 May
BULGARIA	13 March	13 May	11 May
CROATIA	17 March	27 April	18 May
CYPRUS	16 March	4 May	Early August
CZECH REPUBLIC	12 March	7 April	11 May
DENMARK	12 March	15 April	21 May
ESTONIA	12 March	11 May	1 July
FINLAND	18 March	13 May	1 June
FRANCE	14 March	11 May	22 June
GERMANY <sup>1</sup>	14-18 March	20 April	15 May-30 June
GREECE	12 March	4 May	Early June
IRELAND	16 March	5 May	10 August
ITALY <sup>1</sup>	23 February – 8 March	14 April	15 June
KOSOVO	12 March	4 May	1 June
LATVIA	14 March	12 May	12 May
LITHUANIA	13 March	27 April	31 May
LUXEMBOURG	16 March	20 April	17 June
NETHERLANDS	15 March	28 April	1 June
NORWAY	14 March	20 April	7 May
POLAND	12 March	20 April	6 June
PORTUGAL	16 March	4 May	1 June
ROMANIA	12 March	15 May	Not before 15 June
SLOVAKIA	9 March	22 April	20 May
SLOVENIA	10 March	20 April	18 May
SPAIN <sup>1</sup>	14 March	28 April	25 May-8 June
SWITZERLAND	17 March	27 April	6 June
UK	17 March	11 May	4 July <sup>2</sup>
UKRAINE	17 March	11 May	10 June

<sup>1</sup>Closure and/or opening process is taking place on a local level (state, region or province).

<sup>2</sup>Only applies to England.

COUNTRY	FIRST PHASE	CINEMA REOPENING	REOPENING PROCESS
<b>ALBANIA</b>	27 April	TBC	Flower shops as well as footwear and clothing stores reopened on 27 April. On 18 May, open-air cafes and restaurants, as well as museums, cultural centres and archaeological sites were allowed to open. Most shops and businesses were allowed to reopen on 1 June. Only public transport, sports and cultural activities remain closed.
<b>AUSTRIA</b>	14 April	29 May	The gradual reopening process started with small shops on 14 April, larger stores on 1 May, restaurants on 15 May, hotels, outdoor activities and indoor gatherings of 100 people from May 29. Cinemas will be allowed to reopen from May 29 – originally from 1 July, but the date was brought forward on 27 May.
<b>BELGIUM</b>	18 April	1 July	Shops selling gardening and building materials/tools reopened on 18 April. Most shops reopened on 11 May. Museums and other businesses reopened from 18 May. Bars and restaurants are allowed to reopen from 8 June. <b>Cinemas are allowed to reopen from 1 July.</b>
<b>BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA</b>	11 May	14 May	Bosnian Entities have applied different rules. In the mainly Serbian Republika Srpska Entity, restaurants and coffee bars, hairdressers, gyms and kindergartens all reopened from 11 May. Federal authorities announced on 14 May that cinemas and cultural institutions could reopen immediately. Some cinemas are expected to reopen effectively during the week of 18 May.
<b>BULGARIA</b>	13 May	11 May	Bulgaria's Health Minister Kiril Ananiev issued an order on May 11 allowing cinemas to reopen immediately. Health and safety rules have not been published yet.
<b>CROATIA</b>	27 April	18 May	Cultural institutions, libraries, museums and stores reopened from 27 April. From May 11, gatherings of up to 10 people have been allowed, as shopping centres reopened. Bars and restaurants have been allowed to serve customers in outdoor spaces. Cinemas have been allowed to reopen from 18 May, but those located in shopping malls will have to wait for 15 June.
<b>CYPRUS</b>	4 May	14 July	The construction industry, related sectors and retail businesses reopened from 4 May. Barber shops, hairdressers and restaurants could reopen

			from 21 May. Cinemas could potentially reopen on 14 July.
<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	7 April	11 May	The Czech Government twice decided to speed up its reopening process. The process has been divided into 5 progressive steps, ending on 11 May with the reopening of all businesses, including cinemas. Gatherings will be limited to up to 100 people.
<b>DENMARK</b>	15 April	21 May	Schools reopened on 15 April, hairdressers and other one-to-one businesses reopened from 20 April. Most shops reopened from 11 May, followed by bars and restaurants from 18 May. Cinemas, along with museums, theatres and zoos have been allowed to reopen from 21 May – more than two weeks earlier than previously announced.
<b>ESTONIA</b>	11 May	1 July	Shopping malls reopened from 11 May. It was announced that large public events could take place again from 1 July, with a maximum of 1000 people for outdoor events and 500 for indoor events, at 50% capacity maximum – which applies to cinema.
<b>FINLAND</b>	13 May	1 June	Cinemas, along with a range of other shops and services, will be able to reopen on 1 June. Indoor gatherings will be limited to 500 people.
<b>FRANCE</b>	11 May	22 June	All shops will be able to reopen from 11 May, as gatherings are limited to 10 people. Cinemas will be allowed to reopen from 22 June.
<b>GERMANY</b>	20 April	15 May-15 June	Shops of 800 square meters or smaller reopened from 20 April. The reopening process has been managed on a state by state basis. 14 out of 16 German States have announced reopening dates for local cinemas: Hessen (346 screens in 2019) from 15 May, Saxony (247), Schleswig-Holstein (175) and Saarland (67) from May 18, Mecklenburg-Vorpommern (141) from 25 May, Hamburg (87) and Rhineland-Palatinate (224) from 27 May, Sachsen-Anhalt (130) from 28 May, North Rhine-Westphalia (909) from 30 May, Baden-Württemberg (691) from 1 June, Brandenburg (152) from 6 June, <b>Thuringia (138)</b> , Bavaria (859) from 15 June and Berlin (284) from 30 June. Several of these dates are still unofficial and will be formally confirmed later in May. This represents approximately 90% of the total screen count. We are still waiting for reopening dates for Bremen (49), and Lower Saxony (462). German cinema chains and associations have expressed

			their concerns regarding these staggered reopening dates and have asked for a more coherent approach.
<b>GREECE</b>	4 May	Early June	The lockdown ended on 4 May, from when small retail shops and hair salons reopened. All retail shops except those in shopping malls reopened on 11 May. Shopping malls reopened from 18 May, followed by restaurants and bars from 25 May. All other businesses – including cinemas – can reopen in early June.
<b>HUNGARY</b>	1 May	TBC	With the exception of Budapest and its surroundings, shops, beaches and the open-air areas of cafes and restaurants reopened on 1 May. Small retail outlets reopened during the first week of May in the capital. Outdoor areas of restaurants and bars reopened on 18 May. Outdoor sporting and cultural events and indoor areas of restaurants and hotels were allowed to reopen on 29 May.
<b>IRELAND</b>	5 May	10 August	The Irish Government outlined its exit strategy on 1 May. Cinemas currently will only be allowed to reopen in the final phase, starting 10 August. Ireland's largest cinema chains have joined forces to lobby the Government to reopen Irish cinemas before that date.
<b>ITALY</b>	14 April	15 June	Bookshops and shops selling children's clothing have reopened from 14 April. From 27 April, wholesale businesses reopened. Bars and restaurants reopened for takeaway service from 4 May. They will reopen for dine-in service from 1 June. All shops reopened on 18 May along with museums and libraries. It was announced on 16 May that gyms and cinemas would be allowed to reopen from 15 June, limited to 200 people per room.
<b>KOSOVO</b>	4 May	1 June	The Government announced a three-step reopening plan, with cinemas expected to reopen starting from 1 June.
<b>LATVIA</b>	12 May	12 May	From 12 May, gatherings of 25 people have been allowed and all businesses have been allowed to reopen. They must close at midnight and indoor gatherings can last a maximum of 3 hours. Most cinemas have decided not to reopen, mostly due to the short notice given by local authorities. Some have announced partial reopening during the following weeks or in early June.
<b>LITHUANIA</b>	27 April	31 May	All shops have reopened in Lithuania starting from 27 April, as open-air restaurants, museums and

			hair salons were allowed to operate again. From May 31, indoor events – including cinemas – of under 30 people will be allowed.
<b>LUXEMBOURG</b>	20 April	17 June	Construction sites, along with shops selling gardening/DIY tools and recycling centres reopened from 20 April. The Government announced that cinemas could reopen from 29 May. This decision was unexpected and cinema operators have decided to reopen in a coherent manner on 17 June.
<b>MALTA</b>	4 May	TBC	Various shops have been allowed to reopen from 4 May. Restaurants, bars and other non-essential businesses reopened on 22 May.
<b>MONTENEGRO</b>	4 May	TBC	Shops, fitness centres, barbers and beauty salons reopened from 4 May. All restaurants, cafes, hotels and beach bars reopened from 18 May.
<b>NETHERLANDS</b>	28 April	1 June	From 28 April, retailers have been allowed to reopen. It was announced on 6 May that restaurants and cinemas could reopen on 1 June, initially with a capacity limited to 30 visitors, to be increased to 100 from 1 July.
<b>NORTH MACEDONIA</b>	18 May	TBC	Most business have been allowed to reopen gradually from 18 or 25 May under strict social distancing measures. The nationwide curfew was lifted on 27 May, while restaurants, cafes and bars will reopen their outdoor spaces from 28 May.
<b>NORWAY</b>	20 April	7 May	Kindergartens and primary schools reopened from 20 April. Cinemas have been authorised to reopen from 7 May, with a capacity limited to 50 people per screening. It will be increased to 200 people from 15 June, if cases continue to drop.
<b>POLAND</b>	20 April	6 June	Restrictions were first lifted from 20 April. From 4 May, shopping malls, hotels and certain cultural institutions have reopened. Restaurants and bars have reopened from 18 May. In the fourth and final phase, which will start on 6 June, cinemas will be allowed to reopen and gatherings of 50 people will be authorised.
<b>PORTUGAL</b>	4 May	1 June	The Government announced a de-escalation strategy in three phases, starting on 4 May. On 18 May, schools and various shops will be allowed to reopen. Cinemas will be allowed to reopen on 1 June, with limited capacity.
<b>ROMANIA</b>	15 May	TBC	From 15 May, hairdressers, barbershops, dentists and museum were allowed to reopen. Restaurants that serve their clients outdoors will reopen in Romania on June 1, and indoor restaurants as well as shopping malls could resume operations

			on June 15. Open air performances, including drive-ins, are allowed if there is a minimum 2m distance between seats and no more than 500 people (wearing masks) are in the audience. All indoor events, including cinemas, are currently prohibited until 15 June at least – but this date could change.
<b>RUSSIA</b>	30 April	TBC	TBC
<b>SERBIA</b>	27 April	TBC	Beauty and fitness businesses in Serbia were allowed to reopen from 27 April.
<b>SLOVAKIA</b>	22 April	20 May	From 22 April, shops with sales areas of up to 300m <sup>2</sup> , open-air markets and car dealers were allowed to reopen. From 6 May, all shops reopened. Cinemas can reopen from 20 May, however, strict health and safety rules have made it difficult for most to reopen. One major chain might reopen by 28 May.
<b>SLOVENIA</b>	20 April	18 May	Various shops reopened from 20 April. Hairdressers and beauty parlours reopened from 4 May. All shops and businesses were allowed to reopen from 18 May. It remains to be confirmed, but cinemas seem to be included.
<b>SPAIN</b>	28 April	25 May	A transition plan in four phases was announced on 28 April, starting with the reopening of small shops. Phase 2, starting on 25 May, could see the reopening of most businesses, including cinemas, under limited capacity. Phase 3, starting on 8 June, could see the reopening of all restaurants and large commercial spaces, as well an increase of the allowed capacity as set in Phase 2. Cinemas located in malls might only be able to reopen in Phase 3. This plan will have to be approved on a province level. Major cities like Barcelona and Madrid will not reopen their cinemas before 8 June, while some cinemas in the Canary Islands reopened as early as 18 May. Due to this staggered approach, few cinemas reopened in May. It is expected that most cinemas will have reopened by the final week of June. The State of emergency has been extended to 21 June.
<b>SWITZERLAND</b>	27 April	6 June	One-to-one services restarted from 27 April, followed by schools, all shops, restaurants, markets, museums and libraries from 11 May. Cinemas will be allowed to reopen from 6 June.
<b>TURKEY</b>	11 May	TBC	The Turkish government did not impose a strict lockdown. Instead, it has issued short-term weekend curfews covering some provinces, while banning at risk citizens from leaving their homes.



			On May 11, shopping centres, barbers and some shops were allowed to reopen with some restrictions. On 1 June, the national lockdown was lifted and restaurants and bars were allowed to reopen.
<b>UKRAINE</b>	11 May	10 June	The government outlined a five-step reopening plan, starting from 11 May. Cinemas could reopen as part of step 3, which could start from around 10 June. Operators have asked their local authorities to postpone reopening to 1 July, as they believe they would not be able to effectively operate before then.
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>	11 May	4 July	The lockdown is effective until early May at least. The Government announced its exit strategy on 10 May, which indicated that cinemas could potentially reopen from 4 July in England. More information to follow. Reopening dates for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland are yet to be announced.