

# More Countries Line Up for Russia's Sputnik V Coronavirus Vaccine

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President Vladimir Putin announced the approval of Sputnik V in August before the start of its final clinical trials. **Sergei Ilnitsky / EPA / TASS**

More than 50 countries have requested to buy or localize production of Russia's Sputnik V coronavirus vaccine as the race for a safe and effective vaccine that could end the deadly pandemic heats up across the globe.

In recent weeks, the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) that is marketing Sputnik V has announced plans to sell: [100 million](#) doses to India, [50 million](#) to Brazil, [35 million](#) to Uzbekistan and [32 million](#) to Mexico, as well as [25 million](#) to Nepal and [Egypt](#) each.

Here's a look at several other countries that have recently struck deals to conduct trials or produce Sputnik V — or been asked to help in its production:

## Hungary

Hungary is set to become the first EU member state to carry out trials of Sputnik V, its

authorities [said](#), with the first samples of the jab expected to arrive from Russia by the end of next week.

### **South Korea**

South Korea's GL Rapha biotechnology firm has signed on to produce over 150 million Sputnik V doses per year, the RDIF [said](#). Production is expected to begin next month and South Korea-made doses will be intended for global distribution.

### **Venezuela**

Venezuelan Vice President Delcy Rodriguez, who is currently visiting Moscow, [offered](#) to localize the production of Sputnik V after its Phase 3 trials of 1,500 vaccines and 500 placebos in the Latin American country wrap up.

### **Turkey**

Turkey's health ministry has voiced [interest](#) in localizing the production of Sputnik V after trials, according to Russia's Health Ministry.

### **France?**

President Vladimir Putin asked his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron for France's help in producing a coronavirus vaccine in a Nov. 7 phone call, French media [reported](#). Macron was reportedly "evasive" when responding to Putin's request, saying it should first be discussed with the scientific community.

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