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It is the first time since World War II that countries introduced some form of state of emergency on such a broad scale and thereby imposed considerable restrictions on fundamental rights. In most EU countries state of emergency rules were not designed to regulate such long-lasting events and surveys show that EU citizens find restrictions of their individual freedoms less and less justified. The restrictions of freedom of information, expression, assembly and association are also a threat to democracy and rule of law.

What is the policy content of measures that legislative, executive and judicial branches have taken in EU member states in the field of freedom of information in the context of the pandemic? Is there any concept behind restricting access to or distributing information or are these just piecemeal ad hoc (re)actions? With the findings of this research, he intends to contribute to the policy discussions of the pandemic at national and EU levels and hopes for a transit back from emergency rules to normalised administration in the near future.

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