When Covid-19 came to Europe it hit Italy first and the hardest.

Little help came from its European neighbours in those first weeks in February and March, as hospitals in the north became dramatically overcrowded.

As Italy counts its 31,000 dead, concern is growing over the economic impact too, and there are signs of a rise in the number of Italians losing faith in the EU.

According to a survey of 1,000 Italians, 42% of respondents said they want to leave the EU. However, a quarter of that number said they would be prepared to stay in the bloc if Europe approved concrete measures for Italy.

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