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It is increasingly clear that the EU vaccine supply problems have bottomed out and that the news will be considerably better going forward. This shifts the "vaccine delivery problem" firmly on to the EU MS, whose capacity to quickly scale up roll outs may be severely tested. 1/n

The recent good news are numerous: Today an additional delivery 200mn @BioNTech_Group/@Pfizer vaccines to the EU, incl. crucially 75mn in Q2 was announced. 2/n https://t.co/LD3EnwHYLI

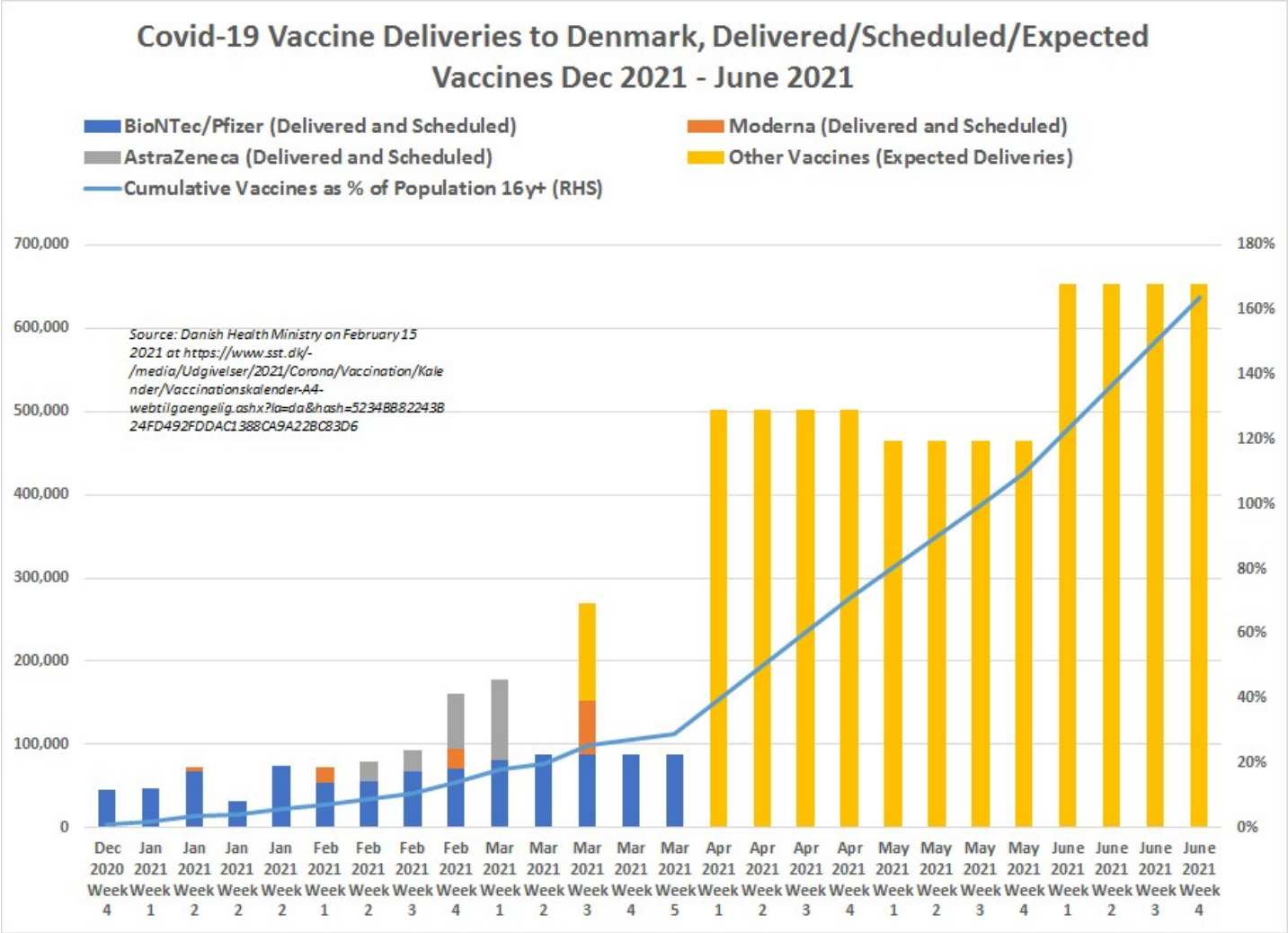
Yesterday @EMA_News received the application for approval of the single-jab J&J/Jannsen vaccine, expected to come during the month of March. 3/n https://t.co/mn4usnpfFN

Several EU MS have now announced updated vaccine rollout plans including expected deliveries of still-to-be-approved vaccines. I discussed the Norwegian scenarios from @Folkehelseinst showing how NO continues to plan for full 100% vaccination of 16y+ 4/n https://t.co/96wGCOo9gC

> What should vaccine transparency in the EU mean in practice and are we too pessimistic about EU vacc plans? ? Thx to @MESandbu I discovered that the \U0001f1f3\U0001f1f4 health authorities have IMO "best practices" for "backward & forward looking vacc transparency 1/12 https://t.co/vwPPgJm4Az
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> — Jacob F Kirkegaard (@jfkirkegaard) February 11, 2021

by July. Earlier this week, the DK authorities updated their planned vaccine rollout and brought the expected 100% vacc'ing of 16y+ pop completion FORWARD by a week or so to LATE JUNE 2021. The expected future vacc deliveries to DK implies that 5/n https://t.co/WMj76L5AhJ

they (roughly like NO with new vaccs) expect to receive a # of vacc = the equivalent of 160+% of 16y+ population by June 2021. With a lot of these J&J/Jannsen single jab vaccines, full vaccination (or at least the offer given to all) is expected by late June 2021. This plan 6/n



BTW is considerably faster for full completion than the schedule discussed by UK Vaccine Taskforce's Clive Dix recently (Aug/Sep or though sooner if needed). The obvious question is why - given population weighted vacc deliveries in the EU is it not 7/n https://t.co/RLMPFvc81K

> Exclusive:
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> Every adult in the UK could receive both doses of a coronavirus vaccine by August or September "or maybe sooner if we need to", the head of the UK's Vaccine Taskforce Clive Dix has told Sky News
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> He tells me there is huge confidence about supply levels
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> Transcript pic.twitter.com/R24Pev1sOM
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> — Sam Coates Sky (@SamCoatesSky) February 16, 2021

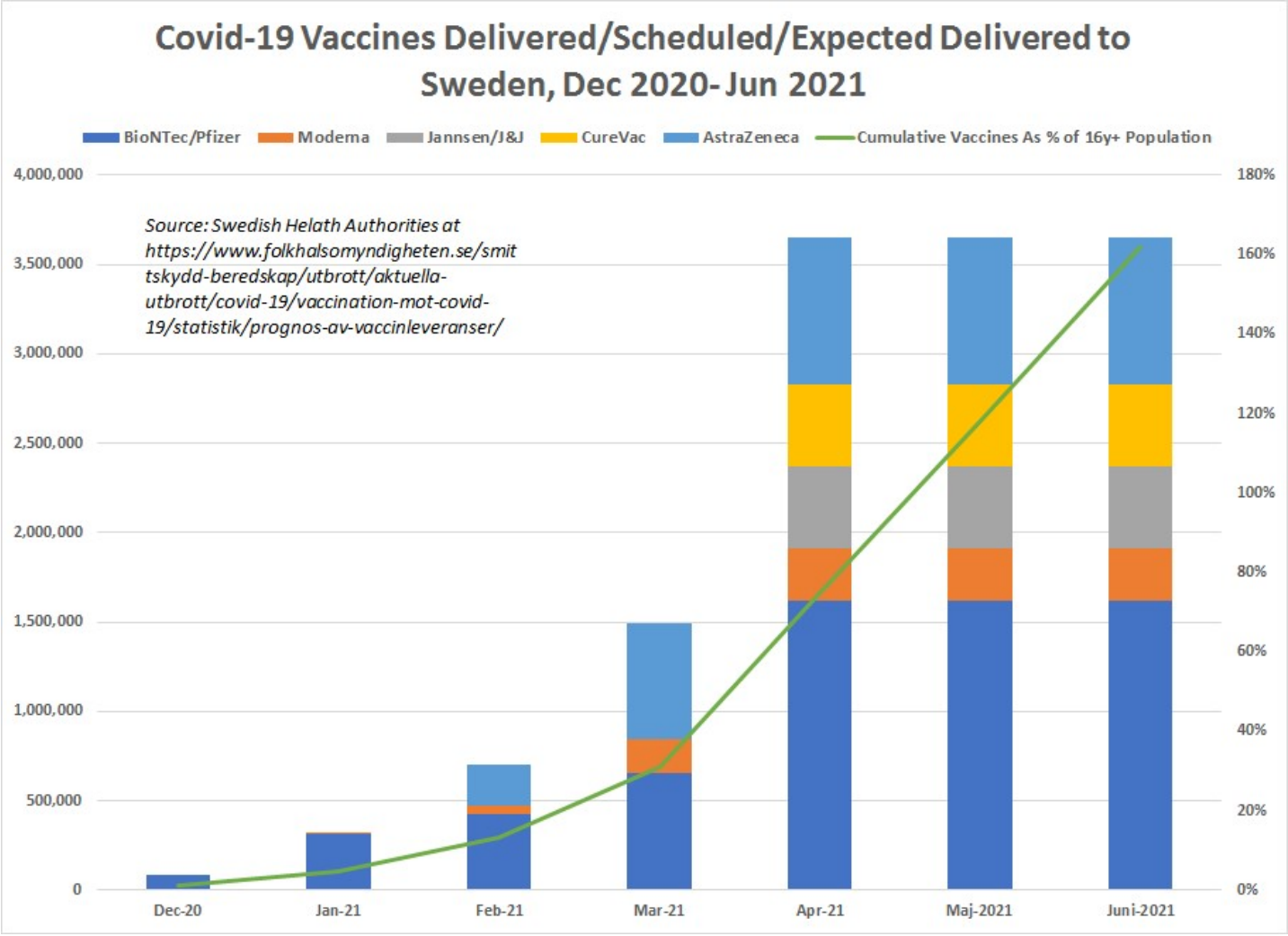
the ambition of ALL EU MS to - like scheduled by NO and DK - finish vaccine rollout BEFORE the summer? The financial costs are irrelevant, given the economic gains from earlier reopening and the human health benefits likely even larger from an "near normal summer". What is 8/n

preventing say @jensspahn or @olivierveran (insert any MS health minister) of from adopting the same level of vaccine rollout ambition in GE or FR? Lack of government capacity? Inability to mobilize volunteers? I honestly cannot think of any good excuse for not doing so now? 9/n

DK gov over the WE said they wanted to be sure up to 7% of pop could be vacc'ed a DAY and surely it should be the role of the @EU_Commission to ensure "best practices" are disseminated quickly throughout the EU? EU Vaccine pessimism must not prevail. END https://t.co/ezkVIYXggR

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Happy to report that Sweden has now also published updated vaccine delivery schedules indicating it also finish vaccinating 100% by June. Why not all of the EU? https://t.co/jTnh60bJHe


Covid-19 Vaccines Delivered/Scheduled/Expected Delivered to Sweden, Dec 2020- Jun 2021
BioNTec/Pfizer
Moderna
Jannsen/J&J
CureVac
AstraZeneca
Cumulative Vaccines As % of 16y+ Population
Source: Swedish Helath Authorities at https://www.folkhalsomyndigheten.se/smittskydd-beredskap/utbrott/aktuella-utbrott/covid-19/vaccination-mot-covid-19/statistik/prognos-av-vaccinleveranser/
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