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Protesters gathered in southern France on Wednesday for what they say will be a “freedom convoy” that will converge on Paris and Brussels to demand an end to COVID-19 restrictions, inspired by Canada’s anti-mandate protests.

Seen waving Canadian flags, the protesters said they planned to head first to Paris, then on to Brussels – headquarters of the European Union – to demand, among other things, the scrapping of rules barring people from public venues if they don’t have a COVID-19 vaccination.

The convoy was made up of motorcycles and private cars, but no trucks.

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