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Subject: Developing a common vaccination card in the EU in light of the COVID-19 pandemic

In its proposal for a Council recommendation on strengthened cooperation against vaccine-preventable diseases (COM(2018)0244), the Commission set out its intention to examine the feasibility of developing a common vaccination card for people in the EU by no later than 2021. This vaccination card would take into account national vaccination schedules, be compatible with electronic immunisation information systems and be accredited for cross-border use, thereby reducing duplications.

The adoption of a common vaccination card is even more urgent in light of the imminent roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines. People in the EU who have received the vaccine should be able to prove this to authorities in an easy, effective manner without having their personal data and privacy compromised. The vaccination card could facilitate travel during the pandemic, strengthen the case for vaccines, support immunisation monitoring, and ultimately bring an end to pandemic restrictions through active acquired immunity. A common vaccination card for COVID-19 could contribute to the long-term management of the pandemic while serving as the foundation for a general European card for all vaccines in the future.

Given the urgency of the COVID-19 pandemic, does the Commission intend to present a proposal for a common vaccination card in 2021, and how will such a proposal guarantee the protection of personal data, privacy and the preservation of fundamental rights?