

**Question for written answer E-003363/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Introduction of the digital COVID Certificate in all Member States of the EU

The presentation on 17 March 2021 of the Commission's legislative proposal to establish a common framework for an EU certificate and the subsequent agreement by the Member States' representatives in the eHealth Network on 22 April 2021 on guidelines setting out the main technical specifications for the deployment of the system paved the way for the creation of the necessary infrastructure at EU level. The introduction by the Member States was to take place on a voluntary basis from 1 to 30 June 2021, provided that all the technical and legal arrangements for issuing and verifying the certificates had been put in place.

1. What advantages derive from the COVID-digital certificate in terms of quarantine provisions given that the national rules of any given country continue to apply independently of the certificate?
2. How will citizens' data protection be ensured?
3. How does the Commission intend to restore freedom of movement for EU citizens, as the current attempt with the COVID-digital certificate does not in any way alter the legal patchwork currently facing travellers?