

**Question for written answer E-004168/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Human rights violations related to the COVID-19 digital certificate and vaccination

Scientific research shows that the COVID-19 virus is spread by both vaccinated and unvaccinated people. Vaccination therefore does not provide guaranteed protection against the spread of COVID-19. However, countries are discriminating against citizens on the basis of vaccination or non-vaccination. Discrimination by EU countries on the grounds of COVID-19 vaccination status increases people's insecurity about the future, creates anxiety and depression in society and undermines citizens' psychological health. Some countries even allow the dismissal of people who have not been vaccinated.

This distinction between vaccinated and unvaccinated people is a flagrant violation of human rights which creates divisions in society, increases tensions, and promotes and legitimises discrimination. However, the EU is bound by its treaty obligations to protect human rights and freedoms.

Could the Commission indicate what it plans to do to ensure that human rights are not violated in the EU and that treaty obligations are respected?