

**Question for written answer E-004288/2021  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Countering the risk of social exclusion owing to the Green Pass in Italy

Articles 9 and 10 TFEU state that the European Union must guarantee adequate protection against the dangers of social exclusion by combatting discrimination, including through legal measures to protect potential victims (Article 19 TFEU).

However, as from 15 October no one in Italy will be able to enter their workplace unless they have a valid Green Pass, a move intended to turn a voluntary act into one that discriminates against those who have not been vaccinated (bearing in mind the cost of having to take a COVID test every 48 hours) and one that is at odds with the principles of combating social exclusion and of non-discrimination. The latter principle has been laid down in the Regulation on the EU Green Pass and was reasserted by the Commission in its answer to the question tabled by MEP Sofo on 17 July, where it said that it encourages Member States to avoid any form of discrimination linked to the digital COVID certificate.

This measure will also have negative repercussions for the competitiveness of businesses, leading to a temporary labour shortage and a potential drop in income for both businesses and their employees.

This being so, can the Commission say what initiatives it will bring in to prevent discrimination and the risk of social exclusion in the wake of the new Green Pass rules established by the Italian Government?