

**Question for written answer E-005222/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Green Pass and an EU common policy

With the continuing and worsening pandemic in Europe, we are experiencing one of the most devastating challenges in contemporary times – to our lives and health, as well as to our economies and, above all, our societies.

In this unprecedented environment, medical experts from around the globe continue to collect scientific evidence, such as on ways of transmission, duration of immunity, timing for repeat vaccines, and infection rates, especially among asymptomatic virus carriers.

It is common sense that we do not have the luxury to wait – we need to act now on the basis of current scientific results, and hopefully there is common ground on this.

Given the above, and as the virus does not stop at borders:

1. Will the Commission consider launching a common EU policy on the issue of the duration (e.g. 6 months) and use of the Green Pass, thus harmonising the differing approaches of several EU countries?
2. Will the Commission consider harmonisation of EU testing rules, thus allowing for intensified testing during winter even for the vaccinated, the recovered and for sensitive cases, such as healthcare staff and workers in care homes for the elderly?
3. Will the Commission consider adopting common policy measures on travel precautions within the EU and travel restrictions for the EU's external borders?