

**Question for written answer E-000810/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Need for COVID-19 vaccinations for sufferers who have recovered – part 3

In its reply¹ to question E-002303/2021², the Commission noted that post-COVID-19 sufferers have a natural immunity that at the time of the reply would last from five to seven months. In the reply to follow-up question E-005389/2021³, the Commission stated that, from studies, it already had 'evidence of increased population sero-positivity', albeit attributing increased sero-positivity largely to vaccination⁴.

1. Why did the Commission make that judgement when it is pointed out in the same reply that 'very few studies are able to discriminate between natural or vaccine-induced immunity'?
2. Given that the Commission also states in its reply that it is still not fully established how long people are naturally protected from being infected again after clearing an infection, and that vaccination therefore remains recommended even for previously infected individuals⁵, to what extent is account being taken of the fact there are evidently no findings, either, as to how long immunisation based on repeat vaccinations lasts, especially in view of the many instances of vaccine failure even in individuals who have been vaccinated three times?
3. Despite having 'evidence of increased population sero-positivity'⁶, why does the Commission propose to keep the EU Digital COVID Certificate until at least 30 June 2023⁷ instead of discontinuing it once and for all in the near future?

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-002303-ASW_EN.html

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-002303_EN.html

³ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-005389_EN.html

⁴ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-005389-ASW_EN.html

⁵ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-005389-ASW_EN.html

⁶ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2021-005389-ASW_EN.html

⁷ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_744