

**Question for written answer E-000962/2022
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Term of validity and evolution of the Green Pass

By Prime Ministerial Decree of 2 March 2022, the Italian Government extended the validity of the COVID-19 certificate to 18 months from the administration of the booster dose following the primary vaccination cycle, to be automatically extended by a further 18 months.

This decision radically changes the nature of the so-called Green Pass, which was initially introduced by the Commission as a tool to facilitate travel during the period of the COVID-19 pandemic, and thus constituted an exceptional measure limited to the time of crisis.

Yet the Commission itself recently proposed the extension of the EU Digital COVID Certificate until 30 June 2023, despite the fact that restrictions are gradually being lifted across Europe and around the world since we are no longer facing a situation of a pandemic but rather one where the virus is endemic, as proven by the low number of hospitalisations compared to the still large number of cases.

In light of the above, can the Commission say what its assessment is of the Italian Government's initiative and can it take a clear and explicit position on whether or not it intends to extend the COVID certificate, turning it into a kind of permanent health passport to be issued to European citizens in order to monitor, for example, their state of health, their treatments or other data?