

**Question for written answer E-000837/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Do we need the EU Digital COVID Certificate until 30 June 2023?

By 31 December 2022 at the latest, the Commission had to submit a third report to Parliament on the application of Regulation (EU) 2021/953¹. Under Article 16 of this regulation, the report had to cover the following:

- a) the impact of the regulation on the acceptance of the different types of vaccine, fundamental rights and non-discrimination, as well as the protection of personal data during the COVID-19 pandemic;
- b) domestic and international uses of the EU Digital COVID Certificate, as well as an assessment of the appropriateness of its continued use.

The report was supposed to be accompanied by a legislative proposal to shorten the period of application of Regulation (EU) 2021/953, depending on the evolution of the epidemiological situation with regard to the COVID-19 pandemic.

When drawing up the report, the Commission had to request guidance from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the Health Security Committee.

1. Could the Commission provide the link to this report, as it has not been published on the Commission's COVID information website²?
2. Could it direct us towards the guidance provided by the ECDC and the Health Security Committee?
3. With the pandemic nearing its end, will it recommend shortening the application period of the Digital COVID Certificate, as provided for in the regulation as amended on 29 June 2022?

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¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32022R1034&from=EN>

² https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-and-policy/coronavirus-response_en