

**Priority question for written answer P-000356/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: COVID certificates – discrepancies between EU law and German case-law in connection with recovery certificates and PCR tests

The Council Recommendation on a coordinated approach to facilitate safe free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic and replacing Recommendation (EU) 2020/1475 entered into force on 1 February 2022. In terms of non-discrimination and the uniform validity of digital COVID certificates throughout the EU, the recovery status period is set at 180 days and the validity period of PCR test results at 72 hours.

As of 27 January 2022, PCR test results are valid in Germany for just 48 hours for border crossings. Similarly, the recovery status period was recently limited to three months arbitrarily and without any scientific basis.

This seriously undermines the declared intentions of the Commission and the Council, which are seeking to harmonise the rules. The German Government is set on its own interpretation, saying that this is simply an upper limit.

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the German Government's behaviour?
2. What measures are envisaged to achieve the heralded harmonisation of the validity of COVID-19 certificates and in particular to ensure the unrestricted usability of EU digital certificates under Regulation (EU) 2021/953?