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Subject: Online public consultation on the extension of the EU Digital COVID Certificate

The EU Digital COVID Certificate currently applies until 30 June 2022. The Commission has proposed extending the corona passport for a further year<sup>1</sup>. This will have major consequences for the right of European citizens to move freely within the European Union.

From 3 February 2022 to 8 April 2022, EU residents have been able to provide feedback on the proposal<sup>2</sup>. All feedback received will be summarised by the Commission and presented to Parliament and the Council with the aim of feeding into the legislative debate.

On 11 March 2022, the Council agreed to extend the EU Digital COVID Certificate<sup>3</sup>.

1. Does the Commission value the opinion of EU citizens?
2. How much of an impact do the participants of the online feedback procedure have on the outcome of the decision?
3. Now that the public feedback appears to be overwhelmingly negative, will this influence the decision-making process? If not, is there any purpose to opening online public consultations?

**Supporters<sup>4</sup>**

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip\\_22\\_744](https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_22_744)

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13375-Extension-of-EU-Digital-COVID-Certificate-Regulation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13375-Extension-of-EU-Digital-COVID-Certificate-Regulation_en)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2022/03/11/covid-19-council-agrees-to-extend-the-regulation-establishing-the-eu-digital-covid-certificate/>

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