

**Priority question for written answer P-002036/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: 385 191 people against the extension of the EU Digital COVID Certificate (QR code)

The EU Digital COVID Certificate (QR code) was established by Regulation (EU) 2021/953, which introduced EU-wide rules on COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates. The regulation currently applies until 30 June 2022.

While the risks and crisis status of the pandemic are now clearly questionable, Brussels is proposing to extend the regulation by another year, until 30 June 2023. The Commission states that 'how the certificate is used for other purposes (access to events, etc.) is up to each EU country to decide'¹.

In the public consultation of 3 February to 8 April 2022, 385 191 people said that they were against the extension of the QR code.

Counting 10 seconds per answer, it would take 4 million seconds i.e. 66 666 minutes, 1 111 hours or 139 8-hour working days to go over all of the answers.

It is therefore likely that they have not been read.

1. How many officials read through the 400 000 answers?
2. What report was drawn up from this public consultation?
3. Why has the Commission not taken account of the public consultation and the 400 000 Europeans who rejected the QR code²?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/13375-Extension-of-EU-Digital-COVID-Certificate-Regulation_en

² No mention of the results of the public consultation found in the published documents:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/regulation_amending_regulation_eu_2021_-_953.pdf;
https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/LIBE-PR-729924_EN.pdf