The Commission’s work on vaccination is currently based on the Council Recommendation on vaccine-preventable diseases\(^1\) from 2018, and in the roadmap\(^2\) developed for the implementation of actions called for by this policy initiative, a feasibility study for the development of an EU vaccination card is indeed foreseen. Such a feasibility study is being carried out via a call for tender\(^3\) and is currently close to delivery. It is important to note that this is precisely a feasibility study and that no decision to introduce an EU vaccination card has yet been taken.

Nonetheless, important policy developments in the meantime linked to the COVID-19 pandemic, and considerations in view of avoiding duplication, have led to including the EU vaccination card work into the Commission proposal for a Regulation on the European Health Data Space of 3 May 2022\(^4\). This proposal provides for the exchange of health data, including vaccination data, for public health purposes. Additional elements to further strengthen patients’ access to vaccination data, and the possibility of supporting health-related certificates, are also part of this proposal. It is now our common interest to ensure that the proposal on the European Health data Space is adopted as swiftly as possible, for the benefits of exchanging vaccination data to accrue both to patients and national health authorities.

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1. [Council Recommendation of 7 December 2018 on strengthened cooperation against vaccine-preventable diseases](europa.eu)
3. All documents related to the call for tender can be found here: [eTendering - Data](europa.eu)
4. [European Health Data Space](europa.eu)