7 EU DCC infrastructure next steps

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Survey results overview

- *Survey was launched 10 March, with the deadline of 17 March COB*
- ***25 replied**: CZ, DK, DE, EE, IE, IS, ES, FR, HR, CY, LV, LT, LU, HU, MT, NL, PL, PT, SI, RO, FI, SE, NO, SK, AT*

Part I

Issuance and verification of COVID-19 certificates after the expiry of the EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation

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Does your country plan to keep on issuing <u>for the purposes of international travel</u> any type of digitally verifiable COVID-19 vaccination, test or recovery certificates after 30 June 2023 (when Regulation (EU) 2021/953 - the 'EU DCC Regulation' expires)?

Is there currently a national legal basis in your country for such issuance?

- "Yes, a national legal basis is tied to Regulation (EU) 2021/953 on the EU Digital COVID Certificate and will therefore expire at the same time"
- "Yes, a national legal basis exists and will be valid also beyond the expiry of Regulation (EU) 2021/953"
- "No (the issuance is currently based directly on Regulation (EU) 2021/953 on the EU Digital COVID Certificate), but we are planning to establish a national legal basis that will be valid beyond the expiry of the Regulation."
- "No (the issuance is currently based directly on Regulation (EU) 2021/953 on the EU Digital COVID Certificate), and we have no plans to establish a national legal basis for issuance beyond the expiry of the Regulation."

Does your country plan to keep on issuing any type of digitally verifiable vaccination, test and/or recovery certificates for the purposes of continuity of care or other domestic (national/EU) use purposes after 30 June 2023 (when Regulation (EU) 2021/953 - the 'EU DCC Regulation' expires)?

Is there a national legal basis in your country for such issuance?

- "Yes, a national legal basis is tied to Regulation (EU) 2021/953 on the EU Digital COVID Certificate and will therefore expire at the same time"
- "Yes, a national legal basis exists and will be valid also beyond the expiry of Regulation (EU) 2021/953"
- "No (the issuance is currently based directly on Regulation (EU) 2021/953 on the EU Digital COVID Certificate), but we are planning to establish a national legal basis that will be valid beyond the expiry of the Regulation."
- "No (the issuance is currently based directly on Regulation (EU) 2021/953 on the EU Digital COVID Certificate), and we have no plans to establish a national legal basis for issuance beyond the expiry of the Regulation."

Does your country plan to verify digitally verifiable vaccination/test/recovery certificates for continuity of care or any other purposes after 30 June 2023?

Is there a national legal basis in your country for such verification?

- "Yes, a national legal basis is tied to Regulation (EU) 2021/953 on the EU Digital COVID Certificate and will therefore expire at the same time"
- "Yes, a national legal basis exists and will be valid also beyond the expiry of Regulation (EU) 2021/953"
- "No, but we are planning to establish a national legal basis that will be valid beyond the expiry of Regulation (EU) 2021/953."
- "No, and we don't plan to establish a national legal basis for such verification."

Part II

Uptake of the EU DCC by the WHO

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If WHO establishes a global gateway by taking up the EU DCC technology, would your country onboard the gateway?

If “Yes” or “Probably yes “→ When your country would be ready to onboard the WHO Gateway in production (assuming the WHO Gateway is production-ready on 1 June 2023 after the onboarding of first countries in May)?

If “Yes” or “Probably yes” → Would your country like to join the group of the first piloting countries, to support the testing of the WHO Gateway and its processes?

Are there any alternatives to onboarding the WHO Gateway that your country is currently considering to keep using the digital COVID certificates after 30 June 2023 for the purposes of international travel after the expiry of Regulation (EU) 2021/953? Please note that the expiry of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 entails that the use of such COVID-19 certificates can no longer be requested for the purpose of intra-EU travel.

Summary

Issuance:

- *Some interest in the issuance of certificates for international travel beyond June 2023 (3+7 Yes or Probably yes), less so for other purposes (2+4)*
- *Legal basis for issuance is existing or upcoming in 8 MS for international travel and 6 for other purposes.*

***Verification**:*

- *Only limited interest in verification (2+2 Yes or Probably yes).*
- *Legal basis for verification is existing or upcoming in 5 MS.*

***WHO**:*

- *Significant interest in the onboarding to the WHO Gateway (4+12 Yes or Probably yes, only 1+1 No or Probably no) but also uncertainty (7 not sure).*
- *Interest in piloting: some MS ready (3) or considering to participate (3) in the pilot.*

Questions?

Further information

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