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COVER NOTE

5.2. Sustainability strategy

1. Issue at stake

To discuss the organisation of further work required for the development of EU DCC.

2. Summary

The EU DCC was created by the Commission and Member States to facilitate free movement for EU citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is a need to discuss sustainability aspects of this initiative. There might be different ways for evolving the infrastructure. As the EU DCC is already now considered to be an international success story, further work is needed in order to further develop the system. There could also be links to other initiatives, such as the EU citizens' Vaccination Card, and MyHealth@EU services.

The eHN, together with the Commission, have done a tremendous job in delivering the EU DCC and extending it to third countries. The eHN Technical Interoperability and Semantic subgroups have done a huge amount of work. However, we have reached a point where we have to think about a sustainable governance that brings the DCC forward, allowing the capacity that becomes available in the subgroups to be used on general interoperability topics.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

Potential discussion on:

- Request to the MS, to make available capacity in both the DCC dedicated group and the technical IOP subgroup.
- When is the right moment to separate the DCC activities from the eHN (technical IOP)?
 - (e.g. like eHMSEG: What scope does the mandate of this dedicated DCC group have?)
 - Which role does the eHN have in the DCC development?