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COVER NOTE

5.1 Update on EU DCC

1. Issue at stake

Inform the eHealth Network of the state of play with regard to EU Digital Covid Certificates.

2. Summary

The EU Digital COVID Certificate (EUDCC) went live on 1 July 2021. About 600 million certificates have been issued to date. The system Europe has helped citizens to exercise their right of free movement in the EU, in particular non-essential travelling, without detrimental impact on public health. Around 20 Member States have also introduced the use of COVID certificates for national use, such as giving access to bars, restaurants or social events. This is based on national law.

On 18 October 2021, the Commission adopted a report¹ on the EU Digital COVID Certificate and its implementation. The report shows that the EU certificate has been a crucial element in Europe's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EU DCC is currently in use in 43 countries, all EU and EEA countries and 13 third countries. More than 50 third countries have contacted the Commission with the intention to join the system.

Interoperability with other systems (such as ICAO VDS-NC, DIVOC, VCI) is being discussed, but so far Member States are not willing to modify their verifier apps to support other certificate standards.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

For information

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/IP_21_5267