21ST EHEALTH NETWORK MEETING 1-2 JUNE 2022, PARIS, FRANCE

COVER NOTE

2.1 **COVID-19 Coordinated actions (for information) – EU Digital COVID Certificate**

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. More than 1.7 billion certificates have been issued to date. The EU DCC is currently in use in 64 countries, all EU and EEA countries and 34 third countries. Discussions with further third countries are ongoing.

On 15 March 2022, the Commission adopted second report[1] on the EU Digital COVID Certificate and its implementation. The report shows that the EU Digital COVID Certificate system has had – and continues to have – a very positive impact on free movement at a time where Member States continue to restrict travel on grounds of public health.

WHO has launched a series of consultations on the interoperability of digital health trust networks. WHO is in contact with Indonesian presidency of G20, and is exploring ways of making trust networks interoperable, for COVID-19 certificates, but also beyond. WHO has conducted a survey on existing digital health trust networks. The outcomes of the survey show significant heterogeneity of the approaches in different trust networks (EU DCC, ICAO, DIVOC, SHC, VCI, CommonTrust, RNDS) even if many aims are the same. Possible extensions to a digitized International Certificate of Vaccination and Prophylaxis (ICVP, yellow booklet) and access to International Patient Summary or other health data are raised in discussions by WHO and operators of the trust networks. WHO is proposing to set up a Community of Practice on this topic. A pilot on interoperable digital health trust networks is being planned by G20 and WHO.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

For information on the state of play of EU DCC. Member States will be invited to provide any comments on the future of the EU DCC and on the use of a similar technology for other use cases in the domain of digital health.

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https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/default/files/second_report_of_the_commission_on_the_eu_digital_covid_certificate_regulation_annex.pdf