

Digital Green Certificates

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A **digital green certificate** is a digital proof that a person has been vaccinated against COVID-19, has recovered from COVID-19 or has a negative test result.

In addition to possible uses in healthcare, the aim of the certificate is to facilitate the **safe free movement** of citizens of one Member State to and in other EU Member States.



THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH EU COUNTRIES



To identify **technical solutions** that can be **deployed rapidly**



To ensure that the authenticity of certificates can be **checked in a secure way everywhere in the EU**



To enable the **mutual recognition of certificates** across the EU

The digital green certificates will meet data protection, security and privacy requirements. For the certificates to be in place by summer, **EU Member States need to move fast with preparations and roll-out.**



The European Commission will help develop a **legal solution for a common framework** on certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery to **facilitate free movement within the EU**



Member States need to swiftly establish **technical solutions at national level** to ensure such certificates can be issued and **checked in a secure way everywhere in the EU**

Digital green certificates should be set up on the basis of the **interoperability guidelines**, which define common data sets and unique identifiers for vaccination certificates, and the **common data set for test results**, on which Member States agreed already.

WHAT HAS TO BE DONE?



EU

MID-MARCH: The Commission will present a **legal proposal on digital green certificates** to facilitate safe free movement in the EU. The European Parliament and EU Member States will need to approve the proposal

BY THE SUMMER: The Commission will set up a **digital infrastructure** that would facilitate the authentication of the digital green certificates



MEMBER STATES

Prepare for the **logistical roll-out** of the certificates (**issuance and verification**)

Need to introduce the necessary changes in their **national health records systems**

The Commission is working with the World Health Organisation to ensure that certificates issued in the EU can be recognised elsewhere in the world as well. The Commission is also in contact with ICAO, the international organisation representing air travel.