



## Parlamentul României Senat

Bucharest, June 24, 2021

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### OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA

**regarding the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery to third-country nationals legally staying or legally residing in the territories of Member States during the COVID-19 pandemic (Digital Green Certificate)  
COM(2021) 140 final**

The Romanian Senate examined the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates on vaccination, testing and recovery to third-country nationals legally staying or legally residing in the territories of Member States during the COVID-19 pandemic (Digital Green Certificate) – COM(2021) 140 final (Protocol no. 2).

Based on the report of the Committee for European Affairs, the Plenary of the Senate, during its session of June 22, 2021

- (1) Notes that the proposal for a regulation respects the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality.
- (2) Stresses that:
  - a) the possession of an electronic certificate is not a prerequisite for the exercise of the rights of free movement or for the border crossing;
  - b) it is necessary to prevent discrimination against unvaccinated persons or the persons that cannot be vaccinated;
  - c) vaccination strategies fall within the national competence of the Member States;
  - d) the proposal must not prejudice the ability of Member States to take decisions at national level on grounds of public health, in accordance with national law and the European acquis, in the light of the epidemiological situation developments;
  - e) the provisional agreement of May 21 2021 of co-legislators on EU digital certificates on COVID-19 in order to facilitate free movement must provide more clarity to citizens.
- (3) Recommends that Member States be able to continue using the systems implemented for a period of six weeks from the entry into force of the Regulation until the electronic certificate framework is fully operational in their territory.