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To: Darío OJEDA

Subject: Your application for access to documents – GESTDEM 2021/5225

Dear Mr Ojeda,

I refer to your e-mail of 24 August 2021, registered under the above-mentioned reference number. As the Head of the unit responsible for free movement, I have been asked to reply to your e-mail. Please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to you.

In your e-mail, you make a request for access to documents. More specifically, you request to receive information on the number of EU Digital COVID Certificates issued by each Member State.

On 14 June 2021, the European Parliament and the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2021/953 establishing the EU Digital COVID Certificate (the "EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation")<sup>1</sup>. The Regulation sets out a common framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable certificates for COVID-19 vaccination, test or recovery certificates to facilitate free movement of EU citizens and their family members during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation requires the Commission to submit a report to the European Parliament and to the Council by 31 October 2021, which shall include, among others, an overview of the number of certificates issued pursuant to the Regulation<sup>2</sup>.

Regulation (EU) 2021/953 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 June 2021 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic (OJ L 211, 15.6.2021, p. 1).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Article 16(1) of the EU Digital COVID Certificate Regulation.

This report has been adopted on 18 October 2021 and has been published <u>here</u><sup>3</sup>. You can also find more information <u>here</u><sup>4</sup>. I attach the Annex which gives an overview of the number of EU Digital COVID Certificates issued per Member State.

I trust you will find this information useful. I wish you and those dear to you the best of health during this difficult period.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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https://ec.europa.eu/info/files/first-report-of-the-commission-on-the-eu-digital-covid-certificate-regulation\_en

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip 21 5267

ANNEX I

Detailed breakdown of number of EU Digital COVID Certificates issued (by 13 October 2021)

	Vaccination certificates issued	Test cert. issued (NAAT <sup>5</sup> )	Test cert. issued (RAT <sup>6</sup> )	Recovery certificates issued	Total issued
Austria	11.125.292	10.872.756	20.482.546	577.981	43.058.575
Belgium*	17.440.792	5.822.096		608.250	23.871.138
Bulgaria	1.372.297	307.779	705.533	37.251	2.422.860
Czechia	7.199.918	1.935.056	3.413.355	377.589	12.925.918
Denmark**					
Germany***	119.750.418	1.629.445	1.267.528	607.075	123.254.466
Estonia*	662.125	3.073		63.597	728.795
Ireland	3.978.823	186.203	37.461	69.317	4.271.804
Greece	3.419.809	17.064	200.551	471.751	4.109.175
Spain*	25.371.410	809.495		515.562	26.696.467
France	72.186.091	24.593.086	38.226.112	1.896.065	136.901.354
Croatia	1.600.824	17.241	597.661	126.353	2.342.079
Italy	72.726.630	7.078.397	15.092.611	2.160.524	97.058.162
Cyprus	739.837	14.118	314.614	76.179	1.144.748
Latvia	1.387.323	270.523	21.397	77.337	1.756.580
Lithuania	1.770.546	3.501.075	358.855	333.994	5.964.470
Luxembourg	1.363.875	621.868	138.140	46.493	2.170.376
Hungary	4.746.433	183.653	79.521	356.155	5.365.762
Malta*	282.886	619		145	283.650
Netherlands****	42.179.079				42.179.079
Poland*	14.098.319	307.336		495.632	14.901.287
Portugal	7.147.103	81.387	178.954	227.940	7.635.384
Romania	4.726.990	61.642	98.909	111.190	4.998.731
Slovenia	4.170.614	473.674	1.582.643	561.128	6.788.059
Slovakia	4.623.889	933.324	1.046.082	214.011	6.817.306
Finland	1.820.819	202.113	5.386	28.533	2.056.851
Sweden*	4.857.039	143.834		1.573	5.002.446
Iceland	538.095	73.760	148.121	3.431	763.407
Lichtenstein	47.288	21.975	13.830	1.322	84.415
Norway****	6.175.000				6.175.000
Total EU/EEA	437.509.564	60.162.592	84.009.810	10.046.378	591.728.344
* Combined	total fo		and RA		certificates

\*\* Figures available not \*\*\* RAT Reporting 27 2021 for tests issued only as of September

\*\*\*\* Total number issued for all three types of certificates

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> 'Nucleic acid amplification test', such as reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), loop-mediated isothermal amplification (LAMP) and transcription-mediated amplification (TMA) techniques, used to detect the presence of the SARS-CoV-2 ribonucleic acid (RNA).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> 'Rapid antigen test', that is, a test that relies on detection of viral proteins (antigens) using a lateral flow immunoassay that gives results in less than 30 minutes.