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Dear ,

On behalf of Commissioner Jourova, I would like to thank you for your communication of 18 March 2021 related to your solution for vaccination certificates. The topic is relevant in view of the current public health crisis of an unprecedented scale in the form of the global pandemic of COVID-19. We therefore appreciate your willingness to help combat this crisis and thank you for the information provided.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission has been supporting Member States through different platforms on the exchange of best practices and the use of common standards, including through the eHealth Network and the Health Security Committee.

The vaccination progress in Member States is a positive mark, but there are indeed still many challenges ahead. The European Council has highlighted the importance of work on a standardised and interoperable vaccination certificates. To this end, on 17 March the Commission presented a legislative proposal for a Digital Green Certificate that would support not only proof of vaccination, but also proof of a negative test result, or information on COVID-19 recovery. The aim is to facilitate free movement within the European Union.

At its meeting on 25 March, the European Council has requested that legislative and technical work on COVID-19 interoperable and non-discriminatory digital certificates, based on the Commission proposal, should be taken forward as a matter of urgency.

The Commission is closely collaborating with Member States, the World Health Organisation, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Medicines Agency in this regard.

As this is highly topical at the moment, we are receiving many requests from companies, non-governmental organisations and associations proposing collaboration or meetings. While we are grateful for your interest in this topic and drawing our attention to your proposed solutions, we hope you can understand that we cannot accommodate all such requests. We thank you for your understanding in this matter. Should you want to provide additional technical elements, we would be happy to receive them.

Yours sincerely,

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