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Dear

Thank you for your communication of 2 March 2021 related to 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. This includes certificates that can be used to provide information about vaccination. In its meeting on 21 January 2021, the European Council highlighted the importance of work on a standardised and interoperable vaccination certificates for medical purposes. The European Commission has been working together with the Member States in order to develop a first set of guidelines aiming at the interoperability of vaccination certificates for medical purposes. The guidelines were adopted on 27 January 2021 and published on the Commission's [website](#). They aim at supporting the interoperability and mutual recognition of vaccination certificates for medical purposes.

The Commission is continuing 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 regret therefore that we are unable to organise a meeting with you at this time. We

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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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