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The EU Parliament wants the vaccination and test certificate accessible to persons with di

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Today the European Parliament has debated and adopted its position concerning the regulation laying down the characteristics and conditions of the so-called “Digital Green Certificate”. Last March, the [European Commission presented this initiative](#) aiming at facilitating mutual recognition of citizens’ information regarding COVID-19 vaccination and testing to be used when moving across the EU. However, the original proposal of the Commission did not sufficiently address accessibility of this personal health information for persons with disabilities.

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EDF position also stressed the importance of involving persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in the development of this certificate, and that persons with pre-existing conditions who cannot be vaccinated will not be discriminated against on the basis of their health status. In this sense, EDF welcomes that the regulation does not require the removal of EU citizens, and reiterates its call to make vaccination and testing accessible and affordable for all.

Once the European Parliament and the Council agree on the regulation, the Commission will develop the technical specifications and whilst doing so the state of the art accessibility requirements and standards will need to be respected.

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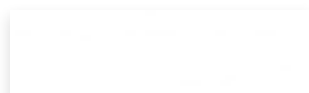
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