



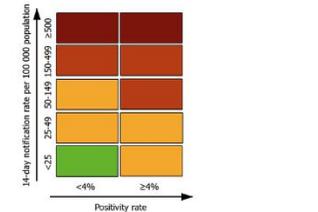
Digital Green Certificate

Overview of the key aspects of the Commission Proposal

Status quo

- Many different free movement restrictions in place across the EU
- **Various types of documents** (medical certificates, tests results etc.)
- **No agreement among Member States as to the use** of such certificates, but several already exempt vaccinated/recovered persons from restrictions (or plan to do so)
- Absence of standardised and secured formats cause **problems for acceptance and fraud**


14-day notification rate and test positivity for EU/EEA weeks 08 - 09



Testing rate < 300 per 100 000 population
No data available
Not included

Regions not visible in the main map extent

Azores	Canary Islands
Guadeloupe and Saint Martin	Guyane
La Reunion	Madeira
Martinique	Mayotte

Countries not visible in the main map extent

Malta	Liechtenstein
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The European Union as a front-runner

- Acting now not only allows to **prevent fragmentation** but it also puts the EU as a **front-runner**.
- Our focus is to facilitate a **return to free movement in the EU** but it will naturally put us in a position to **influence the design** of solutions developed in **international forums**, in line with our values (non-discrimination, data protection...).
- This solution should allow **global interoperability** and our experts are already heavily involved with the WHO, ICAO etc. to ensure **global convergence**.

Guiding principles and key values

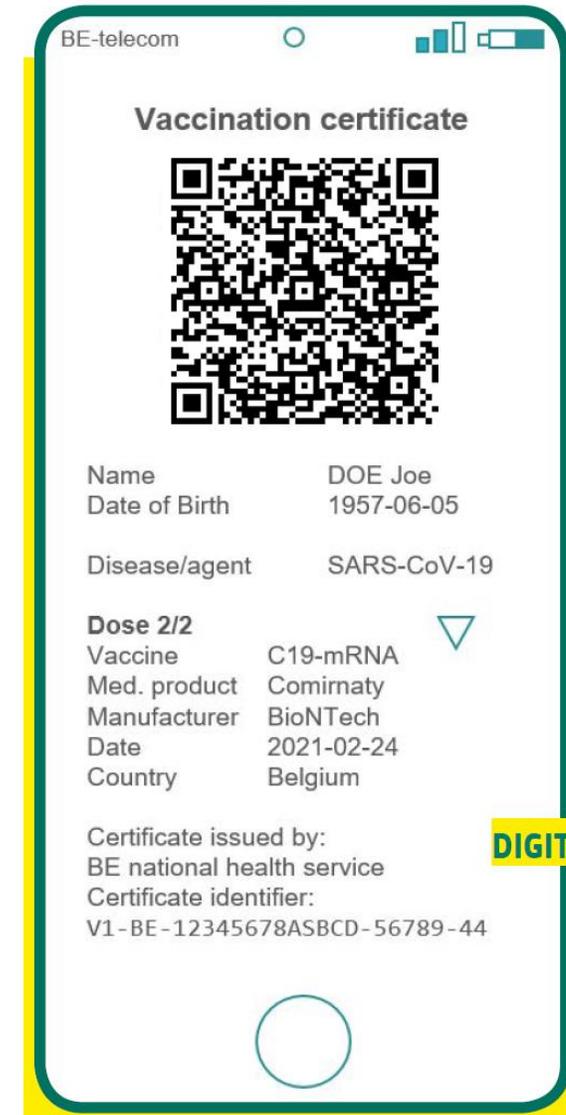
- Facilitate **free movement** in the EU
- Vaccination **should not and cannot be a pre-requisite** for free movement.
- Ensuring **non-discrimination** is thus of utmost importance.
- This is why **test and recovery certificates are covered** in addition to **vaccine certificates**.
- The **fundamental right to data protection** will also be fully ensured.

The Digital Green Certificate framework

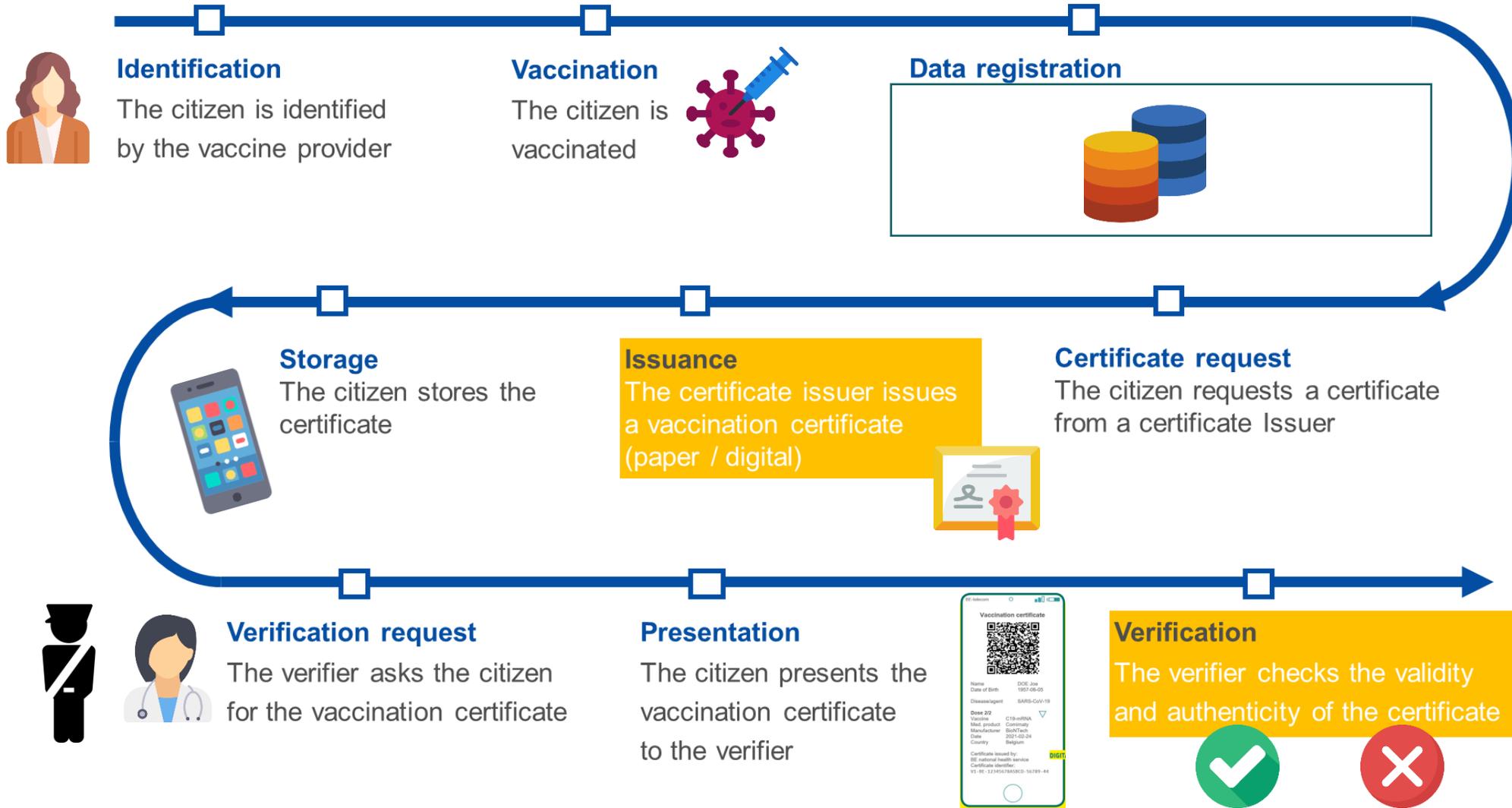
- Certificates **digital** and/or **paper-based** – important to ensure **access to for all citizens**
- Contain an **interoperable barcode** (e.g. QR code) for verification
- Information **in readable form** – official MS language(s) and English
- **Free of charge**
- Digital Green Certificate **does not affect/prevent other proofs**, in particular for medical purposes (e.g. WHO booklet)
- **Trust framework** – infrastructure and mechanisms required for the mutual recognition and verification of certificates

Vaccination certificate

- **Only key information:** identity, vaccine administered, metadata
- **Every citizen** who receives (including those already vaccinated) a COVID-19 vaccine **to receive a certificate** (regardless of type of authorisation – we cannot exclude that EMA authorisation will happen in the future)
- Where a MS waives free movement restrictions for vaccinated persons, it is **obliged to accept vaccine cert. for "EMA vaccines"** (but free to also accept certificates for other vaccines – we cannot oblige MS to accept cert. for vaccines they have not authorised)



Example: vaccination certificate life cycle



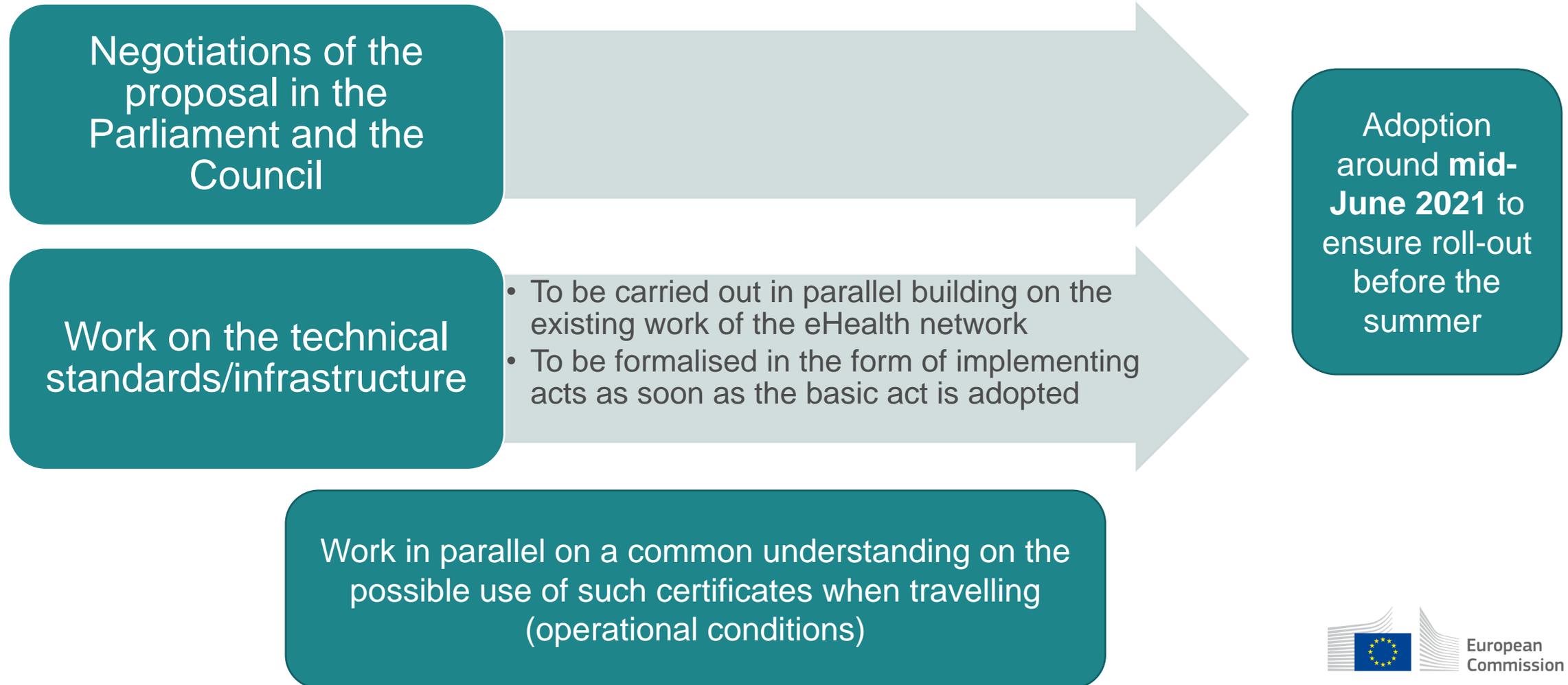
Data protection

- **GDPR applies**, including data minimisation (only necessary data on cert.)
- **Regulation is legal ground to process data to issue and verify the certificates for free movement purposes**
- For other purposes – **national legal basis required**
- Cross-border data exchange to verify certificate possible
- **No data retention** by verifying MS or transport operator
- **No EU database** on vaccination, test, recovery etc. status

Collaboration with international organisations

- The eHealth Network, the Commission, and individual European experts are actively participating to the work of the WHO expert group on [Smart Vaccination Certificates](#).
 - The goal is to link the Digital Green Certificate system to the global framework for vaccination certificates
 - The eHealth Network guidelines have been influential in the WHO work.
- The Commission is also exchanging views with and providing input to the work of ICAO and other relevant international organisations.

Timeline



Thank you



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Who is covered by this proposal?

- **EU citizens** and their family members:
 - **Main route:** vaccinated/tested by or recovered in the Member States
 - presenting proof of vaccination by third country to MS and be issued with MS vaccination certificate
 - Commission decision to recognise third country certificates compliant with interoperable international standard and which contain the necessary data
- **EEA nationals** via incorporation into EEA Agreement
- **CH nationals** based on a Commission decision and reciprocity

An instrument limited in time

- Digital Green Certificate framework **limited to the duration of the public health emergency** of international concern caused by SARS-CoV-2
 - an emergency measure to facilitate return to safe free movement
 - any need to show additional documents when exercising free movement in the EU must disappear once the pandemic is overcome
- However, the Digital Green Certificate framework can be **reactivated** in case of and for the duration of a similar public health emergency of international concern.