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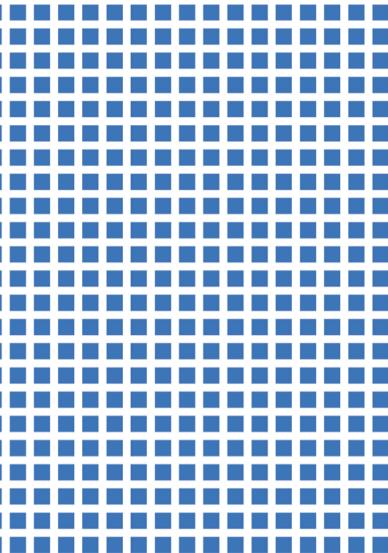
## COVID-19 VACCINE PASSPORTS: CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

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#### Is Vaccine "Passport" A New Idea?

## **Old and New Standards**

- WHO International Vaccination Certificate ("Yellow Card") exists since 1969
- Current technological advantages: automatic identification, traceability, ver
- EU "Digital Green Certificate" framework agreed in May 2021. Already imp some EU States
- "Green Pass" issued first in Israel, effective from February 2021
- Austria, Denmark, Lithuania issue additional national Covid-19 Vaccinatio
- US has no federal level vaccine passport, but many US States (NY Excelsion





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### **EU Digital Green Certificate**

# Travel Facilitation and Freedom of Movement to and within EU

- Actually attests one of 3 different statuses:
  - vaccine (by EU-certified vaccine; 2 weeks after full vaccine)
  - recovery (180 days from first positive PCR test / no RAT)
  - negative PCR or RAT test (valid for 48 hours for RAT or 72 hours for PCR)
- No need for testing data or isolation when boarding flights or crossing border within EU for holders







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#### **National Vaccine Certificate: LT**







#### Vaccine Passport Holder: **Problem of Assumptions**

## Will Covid-19 Vaccination Certificate Holder be Proven?

- Vaccinated according to producer guidelines on quantity and timeline between shots? No
- Immune from Covid-19? No
- Free of epidemiological risk to others? No
- No need for more testing or new / additional vaccine booster shot, in case of new strains etc.? No
  - Lesser epidemiological risk of vaccinated person to himself and others. Yes
- More data to support each certificate will mean stronger assumption







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#### Wider and Longer Application

## What if Lockdown Lasts Years?

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- Bottom-up approach to lifting any current or future Covid-19 restrictions based on personalised assessment of epidemiological risk
- Freedom of movement, including no masks for vaccinated (recommended by CDC in US; not yet in EU)
- More vaccinated guests at indoor and outdoor events
- Right to collect benefits from State (EUR 150 for 18-25 year olds in Greece)
- Right to participate at State-run lotteries (Ohio, US)
- No right to work at public hospitals and other similar institutions for unvaccinated (see below)







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Wider and Longer Application: **Private Sector Incentives** 

**Privileges and Disadvantages** 

- Bonuses of up to USD 200 for vaccinated employees (Lidl, Amazon, Starbucks, McDonalds, US)
- Special sections, rows and seats for vaccinated at LA Dodgers Stadium (California, US) or **churches** (Washington, US)
- From free doughnuts (Krispy Kreme Doughnuts, US) to free weed (Cold US)
- No right to work at private hospital for unvaccinated (US, Houston Meth case), or deal directly with patients (**Israel**)
- Some commercial establishments disallowing unvaccinated clients (Is





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#### **Good Data is Key**

### Do all countries have capacity to collect and standardise all relev

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- More data means stronger assumption and more evidence-based policy. Is enough to certify only historical fact of one full vaccination?
- Patient registers with additional data useful on each vaccine logistics and effects on vaccinated person (subsequent testing, side effects etc.).
- Interoperable electronic registers (people, business, addresses etc.)
- Is data **flowing** without **bureacratic bottlenecks**? Sharing of vaccination d with **social security** IS etc.
- **Decentralisation** in implementing Covid vaccination programmes and **data collection quality**. Guidance or control by central government authorities?
- Purpose not to only vaccinate, but to properly collect all relevant data





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Should we Microchip all Vaccinated?

"Horses don't have good lawyers"









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