



EU Digital Green Certificate Proposal

IATA position

IATA strongly welcomes the proposal by the European Commission for a Digital Green Certificate system to facilitate safe free movement inside the EU during the COVID-19 pandemic. This proposal requires EU States to proceed with the issuance, verification, and acceptance of standard, interoperable and mutually recognized certificates on vaccination, testing, and recovery from COVID-19 to support the restart of travel. We welcome the EU Parliament's vote in favor of fast-tracking the EUDGC via the urgent procedure.

IATA believes these certificates are a critical tool to facilitate the safe and efficient resumption of travel and tourism in Europe. IATA asks for a smooth and quick implementation of this regulation to create the legal framework for a safe, secure, efficient, and rapid restoration of air travel. The certificates should be operational in time for the peak summer travel months, enabling the elimination of all restrictions to travel whilst recognizing that vaccination should not be mandatory to travel.

1. Smooth and swift implementation

A smooth and quick implementation of the legislative proposal that would create the legal framework for a safe, secure, efficient, and rapid restoration of air travel.

2. Technical specification to be compatible with industry solutions

Global and standardized solutions have been developed by the travel industry to validate and authenticate all country regulations regarding COVID-19 passenger travel requirements.

3. Not a prerequisite to travel

The EU Digital Green Certificate should by no means become a condition to be able to travel. The tool should remain optional alongside other ways to validate if passengers meet the required requirements to travel.

4. The need for a global approach

As much as we welcome the EU initiative, the aviation industry requires a global approach and therefore calls for alignment between the EU Digital Green Certificate and the WHO Smart Vaccination Certificate proposal

In addition, and as stated by the Members of the European Council, we encourage the EU and the Member States to start working on a joint approach to the gradual lifting of restrictions, to ensure that efforts are coordinated when the epidemiological situation allows for an easing of current measures.