



Honourable Member of the European Parliament, Mr Sinčić,

The European Parliament approved the Regulation on the EU Covid Digital Certificate after the Commission introduced modifications guaranteeing that it would be used as a tool to facilitate free movement, not an instrument for discrimination and reduction of fundamental freedoms.

It has come to our knowledge that the Secretary General of the European Parliament is considering the obligation to present a EU Covid Digital Certificate for any person entering the European Parliament facilities, including all staff.

Would it not be a shame if the very Institution that represents the Union citizens was the first to misuse its own legislation to create discrimination?

Will the Honourable Members of the European Parliament also have to provide such certificate each time they go to their offices?

We assume that nobody will dare to limit the essential work of our elected representatives.

If so, how can it be then justified that other human beings entering the very same building are so obviously discriminated? If the certificate is deemed essential to the health of those in the building, then surely nobody should be excluded?

Furthermore, the certificate would create discrimination between staff.

Those unvaccinated would have to undergo continual tests, whilst the vaccinated would pass freely, even though it is scientifically proven that both vaccinated and unvaccinated persons can spread the virus.

If strict control is critical to guarantee the health of those in the building, everybody should be tested.

Introducing such certificate, even in on a temporary basis, would create a dangerous precedent on restrictive control that could be extended to several other situations (flu, HIV, sexual preferences) in a permanent way.

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Is this a precedent to be set precisely by the European Parliament, supposedly the guarantor of democracy in Europe?

According to our lawyers, who are following closely this subject, the adoption of such policy would also create legal concerns, since it would most likely infringe medical secrecy as well as Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 concerning privacy and personal data protection.

It should be noted that the Belgian authorities, hosting the main building of the European Parliament, have confirmed that no certificate will be requested to access the workplace.

For these reasons, we would request your help in rejecting this inappropriate proposal from the house of our very own representatives - a house for which we should all feel proud.

Yours sincerely,

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