

# Review of the European Comission paper

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By Czech Republic and Hungary

Strong points



V. Enabling trade within the Union (also in case of restricted/closed borders) is essential to sustaining a stable economy during a pandemic rather than impairing it more by paralyzing the cross-border transport of goods. The Commission proposes enabling trade in future health crises through implementing green lanes following the [practical guidance to ensure continuous flow of goods](#).

vi. “Vaccine Passport” in the form of a Digital Green Certificate, presented a sufficient intermediate solution in the Covid-19 Pandemic to restore the right to the most fundamental freedom, freedom of movement. The Commission advocates for the usage of Vaccination Certificates (Digital Green Certificate) in future epidemic/pandemic, to ensure freedom of movement and to secure economic growth.

□ The introduction and establishment of ‘green-lanes’ to ensure continuous trade amongst member states even if epidemiological conditions impair the freedom of movement

□ VI. Digital vaccine passport on a EU and possibly a global level  
In the future may include other vaccination processes as well

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## Commission silent as Germany buys own vaccines



Euobserver

(<https://euobserver.com/coronavirus/150554>)

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- We continue to support the Joint Procurement Agreement (Decision No 1082/2013/EU)

- The establishment of a European framework for drug manufactures to make Europe more autonomous
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Weak points



viii. When specific countries mitigate the epidemic in such a way that individual cases no longer present a danger, they might form a “travel bubble”. Movement in such a bubble shall not be conditional on vaccination certificate or proof of health.

ix. The Commission insists on lifting any measures restricting the population as soon as the epidemiological situation allows it. Such an assessment should be reserved to an independent expert panel.

❑ “(...) they might form a **travel bubble**”

Who decides the creation, set-up, conditionality of said travel bubble?

❑ Who makes up the panel?

Combination of experts from each member state so that each individual situation is represented?

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xii. A unified European Health Union with logical distribution schemes will help to avoid the problem of alleged unequal distribution of medicine/vaccines, as encountered during the Covid-19 Pandemic (Reuters, 2021).

□ How much money should contribute?  
Allocation of resources based on per capita?

□ What is exactly “logical distribution schemes”? Not specific enough

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