



Parlamentul României Senat

Bucharest, 16 June 2022

Courtesy translation

OPINION of the SENATE of ROMANIA

**on the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2021/953 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic
COM(2022) 50 final**

The Romanian Senate examined the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2021/953 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic - COM(2022) 50 final – according to the provisions of the Treaty of Lisbon Protocol (no. 2).

Taking into account the report of Committee for European Affairs, the Plenary of the Senate, during its session of June 15, 2022,

- (1) notes that the Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Regulation (EU) 2021/953 on a framework for the issuance, verification and acceptance of interoperable COVID-19 vaccination, test and recovery certificates (EU Digital COVID Certificate) to facilitate free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic - COM(2022) 50 final – respects the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality;
- (2) welcomes the inclusion of high-quality antigen tests among the types of tests on the basis of which a test certificate may be issued;
- (3) considers that the period of 1 year proposed by the European Commission for the extension of the period of application provided for in Article 17 of Regulation (EU) 2021/953 is long, given that the current vaccines do not cover the new circulating strains and that new strains may emerge by next year;
- (4) recommends that the application period should not extend beyond 30 June 2022.