

MEPs start gathering to defend fundamental rights of EU citizens and oppose mandatory vaccination and the Green Certificate

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Reacting to the increased violations of basic human rights all across EU, members of the European Parliament took a common stand in defence of the fundamental rights of all EU citizens, which are under threat now due to mandatory vaccination and abusive use of the Digital COVID Certificate.

Speaking at a press conference in Strasbourg, on 20 October 2021, they also gave voice to the severe concerns of hundreds of staff members working for the European Parliament, who live under threat of losing their jobs if they do not have the Digital COVID Certificate, aka Green Certificate.

The press conference called "Defending fundamental rights by opposing the misuse of Digital Green Certificate" was addressed by four MEPs: Christine Anderson (Germany, ID), Francesca Donato (Italy, NI), Ivan Vilibor Sinčić (NI, HR) and Cristian Terheş (ECR, RO).

These MEPs decided to give voice to millions of European citizens who are fighting all across EU for their fundamental rights.

MEP Christine Anderson, after emphasising the importance of human rights, said:

"let me say this, I am not afraid of this virus. What I am afraid of is governments abusing this or any other «crisis» for that matter, to infringe on civil rights, to revoke them or to question freedom altogether.

What we have seen in this crisis is that civil rights and liberties have been transformed from fundamental rights to privileges that governments grant or revoke as they see fit.

I call on all Europeans to stand up to any government trying to take away our freedom, civil rights and liberties!"

Lawyer and MEP Francesca Donato said that

"we have a really terrible situation in Europe today because human rights are not respected [...] and all over Europe peaceful protests are violently repressed".

Introduced as a tool to facilitate freedom of circulation, the COVID Certificate is now being used in many countries by national governments as a "compulsory" passport for every social activity, including employment - she stated - giving the example of Italy.

"And so we are forcing citizens to receive invasive and risky health treatments, because the informed consent that citizens are obliged to sign to receive the vaccines is not free: it's an extorted consent. So, even when people have medical contraindications for receiving vaccines, they are obliged to take it. They are forced to do it because they would lose the job, would lose their fundamental rights if they don't do it. And when these people have adverse effects, even very severe adverse effects, they don't receive any free assistance. Even the reports of adverse effects are very rare. The data of adverse effects that we can read on papers are just underestimated.

So we have a medical issue which has turned into a democratic issue. We must all today stand for the defence of human rights in Europe, we must do it all together and we must do it now", she concluded.

MEP Ivan Sinčić said that

"it is really sad to see freedoms, rights and rule of law endangered in Europe today. Unfortunately, in some countries you cannot keep your job without Digital Green Certificate, you cannot enter public buildings without DGC, you cannot enter a shop without DGC".

He described the Digital Green Cert "as a license to spread and infect" that gives "a false sense of security", since it is not protecting the person from getting or spreading the virus. The Digital Green Certificate "is completely illogical, it is not scientific and must be abandoned", he added.

Sinčić stated that he, also,

"fully support[s] the staff of European Parliament in their positions. The positions of non-discrimination, non-segregation, the freedom to come to the workplace. This is their workplace along with us, the MEP's".

"My message to the staff is simple: You are not alone and fight for your rights! We are fighting along with you!", he concluded.

MEP Cristian Terhes quoted from Art 46 of the original Digital Green Certificate regulation, which outlined the European Parliament's desire to uphold fundamental human rights.

"Well, if we look now, a few months after this Green Certificate was imposed in the European Union, we see exactly the opposite, that all these rights that, allegedly were supposed to be protected by this regulation, are actually violated right now. People cannot work anymore and they live under the threat of losing their jobs and their livelihoods, if they don't have this certificate. Is this the type of European Union that we want to build, that we want to accept?", Terhes said.

Hundreds of people working for the Parliament are faced with the threat *"that sooner than later, if they don't have this Green Certificate, they will be losing their job. But they haven't done anything wrong. This is the absurd situation. This is not fair to them, it is not fair to the citizens of this Union and it's not fair to all of us". For these reasons, "we are here for you and we will fight for you", Terhes concluded.*

The positions expressed publicly by these MEPs, in defence of fundamental rights, including of the staff working for the European Parliament, are shared by many others, who will join together to provide an active opposition to the constant attacks on fundamental rights caused by the misuse of the Digital COVID Certificate.

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