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Council Recommendation on a coordinated approach to facilitate safe free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic and replacing Recommendation (EU) 2020/1475
- Statement by the Croatian delegation

Statement by Croatia on Council Recommendation on a coordinated approach to facilitate safe free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic and replacing Recommendation (EU) 2020/1475

Croatia supports the coordinated approach with the aim of creating greater uniformity with regard to travel restrictions and can support the Council Recommendation on a coordinated approach to facilitate safe free movement during the COVID-19 pandemic and replacing Recommendation (EU) 2020/1475.

At the same time, Croatia finds it necessary to reiterate that the European Commission should adopt a delegated act providing for a possibility of issuing a recovery certificate based on a positive rapid antigen test. Without this delegated act, persons who are denied a recovery certificate based on a positive rapid antigen test are unfairly deprived of free movement beyond their national borders, which is even more pronounced in light of the fast spreading Omicron variant.

Furthermore, regarding the duration of certificates, Croatia would like to stress that, based on scientific evidence, both the vaccination certificate, as well as the certificate on recovery, need to have the same validity period, i.e. 270 days.
