Grounded by bias
EU’s vaccine travel pass is discriminatory, a barrier to trade in services

The concept of a vaccine passport is not new, but the use of digital technology to verify an individual’s vaccination status is a novel approach to managing COVID-19. The European Union is currently developing a digital vaccine passport, which is intended to facilitate travel and business across the bloc. However, the implementation of the passport has sparked controversy in some countries, particularly in China and Russia, where there is concern that the passport could be used to discriminate against individuals who have not received a vaccine. The passport is also seen as a way to undermine the sovereignty of nations and their ability to control their own borders. The use of digital technology in this context raises important questions about privacy, security, and the potential for misuse. It is crucial that governments work closely with international organizations and other stakeholders to ensure that any digital vaccine passport is implemented in a way that respects human rights and upholds democracy.