

Health Security in the EU



COVID-19 lessons learned and looking
ahead to ensure a stronger EU Health
Security Framework

C-19 & AVIATION

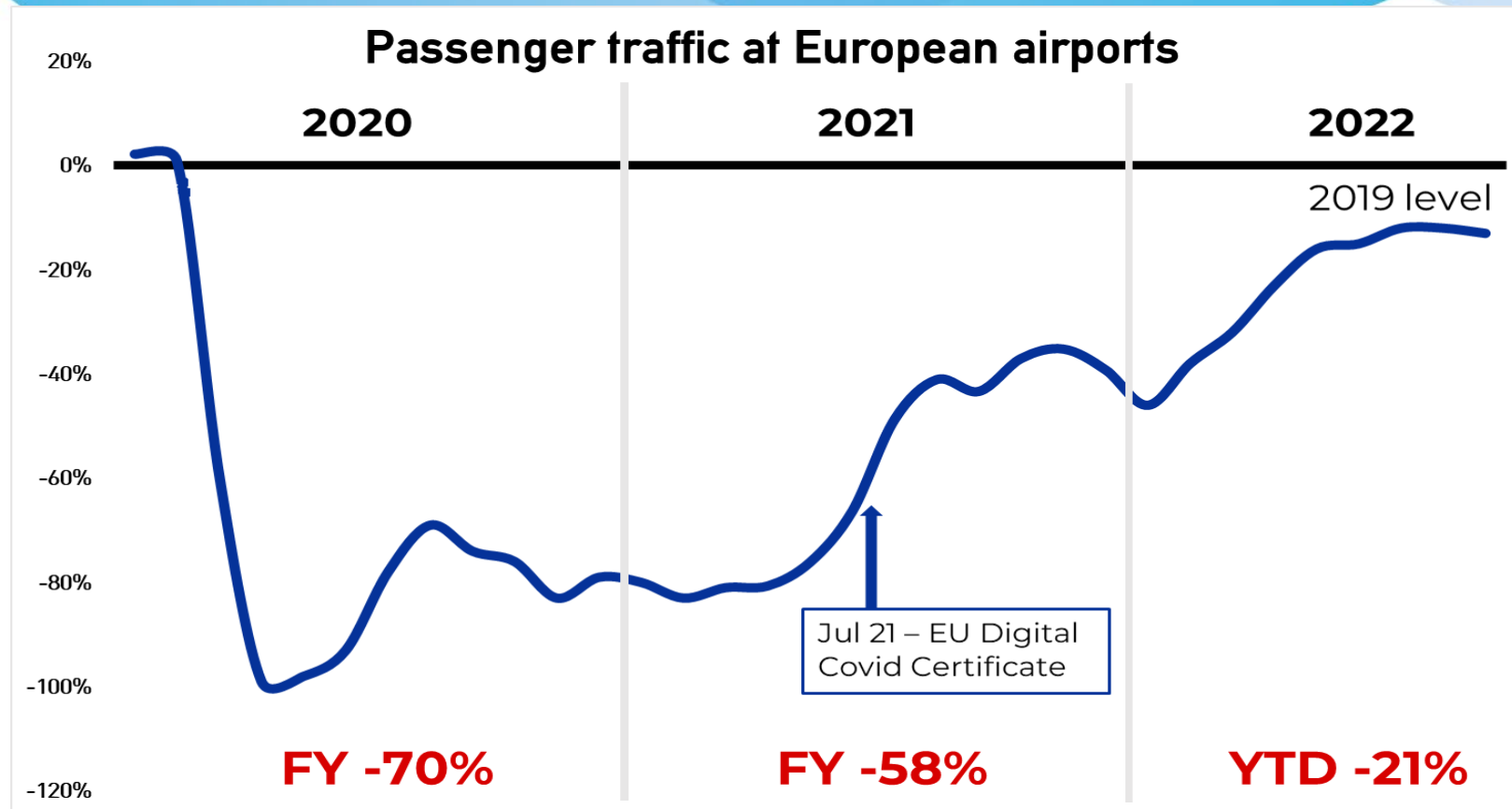
Impact, Lessons Learned & Way Forward



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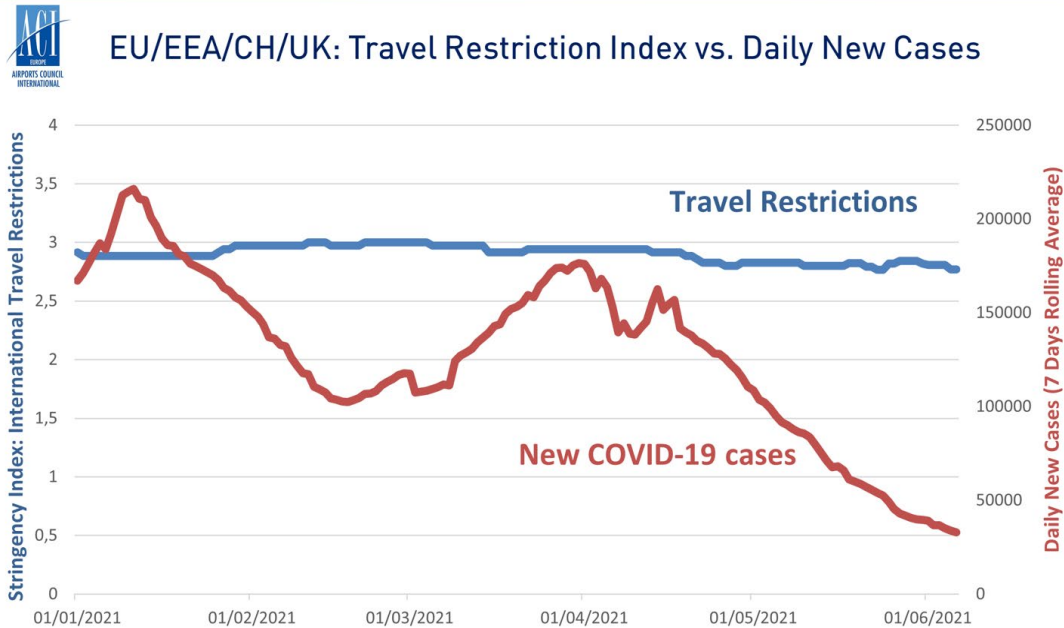


C-19 & AVIATION – *Traffic Slump & Slow Recovery*



- **EU DCC = SUCCESS STORY** - de facto global standard fully supported + **EASA/ECDC ASFP**
- **Passenger Locator Forms (PLFs) = POOR RESULTS** - only 3 States using EU PLF
- **Health credentials verification = uncoordinated & unaligned**

TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS – *Uncoordinated, Unnecessary & HARMFUL*



WHO: “Blanket travel ban **will not prevent the spread and place a heavy burden on lives and livelihoods**”

ECDC: “Border closures can delay the introduction of the virus but **only if they are almost complete and rapidly implemented during the early phases of the pandemic**”

- **Omicron variant research & data analysis** (*Oxera & Edge Health, Feb22*)
 - Travel restrictions **did not stop/reduce spread & transmission**
 - Unnecessary economic hardship
 - **Even imposing restrictions on the day variant was identified would not have stopped the spread**
 - Variants circulate well ahead of the time by which they are identified Passenger

FUTURE PROOFING CHALLENGES

- **LEARN THE LESSONS OF PAST 2 YEARS - PLAN & PREPARE**
- **EU playbook & guidance for future variants & epidemics**
- **More effective decision making & alignment**
 - *From coordination to effective rule making*
 - *EU Reg on serious cross border threats to Health (Oct 2022)*
- **Extend validity of EU DCC beyond June 2023 (keep it operational)**
- **Role of HERA?**
- **Progress at global level: WHO & ICAO**



MORE EUROPE & GLOBAL PREPARDNESS

Thank you



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