



EUHPP Thematic Network on **HEALTHCARE IN CROSS-BORDER REGIONS**

Joint Statement
**RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR POLICY ACTIONS**

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What is EUREGHA?





What is the Healthacross initiative?



- bundles all of **Lower Austria**'s cross-border health activities
 - Link Europe – Lower Austria
 - INTERREG projects
 - Networks (euPrevent, WHO RHN, and...)
- Member & Vice-chair of **EUREGHA**

The European Union covers over 4 million km² and has 508 million citizens. Together with the immediate neighbours from the EFTA Association, it counts 40 internal land borders among the 28 Member States. Border areas are home to 30% of the European population – 150 million citizens respectively.

The Joint Statement aims to identify **challenges** and **successful existing experiences** to be scaled up, complementing the efforts of the European Commission.



We call for actions in these areas:



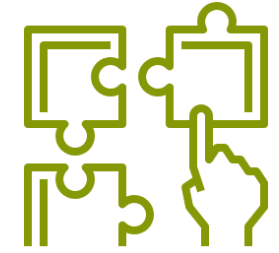
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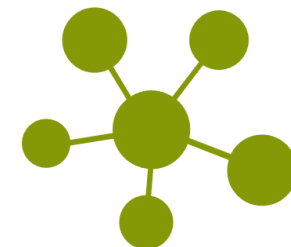
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Data Management



1. Diversity & bottom-up initiatives

FOR HEALTHCARE IN CROSS-BORDER REGIONS WE CALL TO:

- understand the **diversity** of health needs and its impacts on health and well-being;
- keep on **sharing good-practices** and experiences to allow mutual learning;
- support **participatory approaches** in regional health policy making;
- create **suitable funding opportunities** within the **new funding period 2021-2027** to continue and boost innovative cross-border collaboration in healthcare.



2. Recognising professional qualifications and skills

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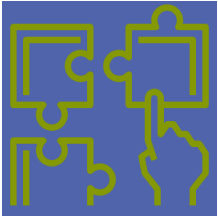
- ensure that all Member States respect EU rules on the recognition of professional qualifications;
- further **strengthen Directive 2005/36/EU** on the recognition of professional qualifications in extending the list of professions for ‘automatic recognition’;
- properly implement the **European professional card**;
- provide financial support for the digital conversion to allow a secure and fast communication between regulating authorities.



3. Innovative financing and payment mechanisms

FOR HEALTHCARE IN CROSS-BORDER REGIONS WE CALL TO:

- map and analyse individual **financing and payment mechanisms** between MS when citizens access healthcare across the border;
- **find innovative solutions** for financing and payment of cross-border healthcare services that can be applied in border regions (e.g. to overcome differences in salary);
- **support dialogue and cooperation among health insurers.**



4. Coordination of health services and investments

FOR HEALTHCARE IN CROSS-BORDER REGIONS WE CALL TO:

- introduce a detailed **mapping of healthcare infrastructure in cross-border areas**;
- start joint **coordination of health services and investments**;
- design a **prototype of potential shared facilities, services and care**.



5. Strengthening National Contact Points

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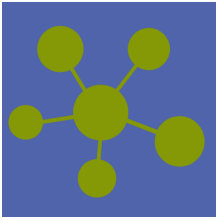
- set initiatives to build trust in **National Contact Points (NCPs)**;
- strengthen the **awareness of NCPs**;
- define a **supportive role for NCPs** and support MS in properly establishing them;
- **anchoring NCP regionally.**



6. Support ECBM (European Cross-Border Mechanism)

FOR HEALTHCARE IN CROSS-BORDER REGIONS WE CALL TO:

- support the **adoption of the ECBM on EU level.**

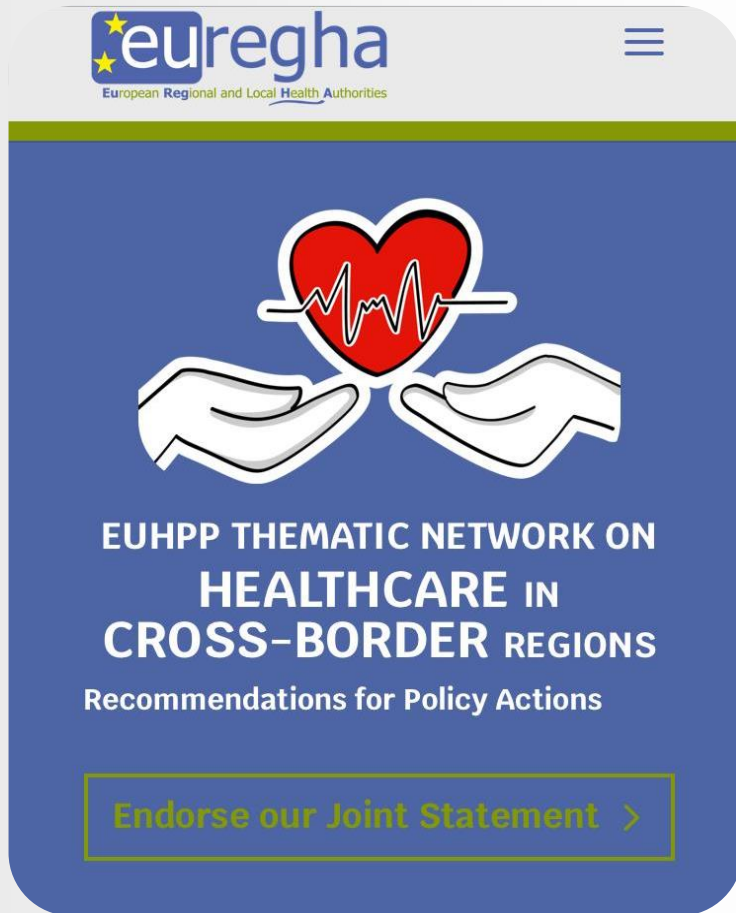


7. Data Management

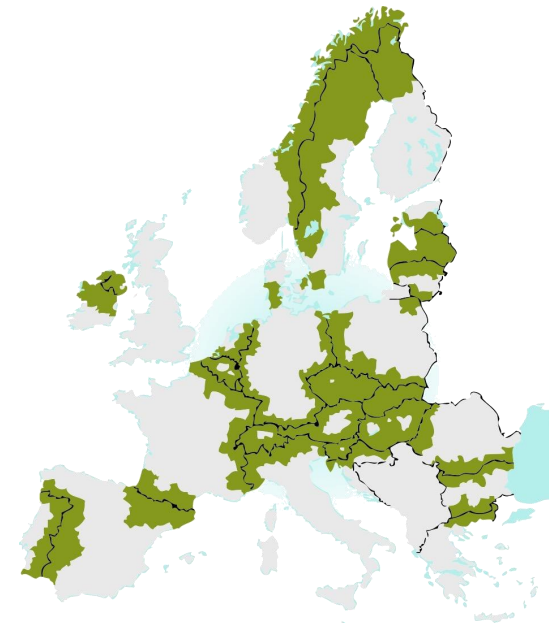
FOR HEALTHCARE IN CROSS-BORDER REGIONS WE CALL TO:

- support MS in their efforts to **acquire or make existing health data accessible** in order to show health trends in regions for policy planning;
- **share good practices on interoperability** for smooth and secure sharing of data;
- **acquire health data to show health trends in regions for policy planning;**
- **support the shift towards Value-Based healthcare.**

Endorsements and Communication



1. Endorse the Joint Statement and find more information: www.euregha.net/CrossBorderHealthcare
2. Share on Social Media Platforms
3. Deadline end of November



Thank you!



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