

European Health Data Space

Kick-off meeting Competent Authorities – Community of Practice in secondary use of health data

Meeting Summary

Data/time

2024-1-25 (10:00 – 18:00)

Participants

Countries: AT, BE, CY, CZ, DE, DK, EE, EL, ES, FI, FR, HR, HU, IE, IT, LT, LU, LV, MT, NL, NO, PL, PT, SE, SI, SK

European Commission Units & Agencies: DG SANTE C1, R4, HaDEA

Invited: Administrative Contractor (Infeurope)

Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting - Introduction
2. Kick-off of Community of Practice (CoP) Session 1 – Presentation of Working Arrangements Document
3. Continuation of CoP Kick-Off Session 1 – Adoptions of Working Arrangements Document
4. CoP Kick-off Session 2 – Election of Chairs and Rapporteurs for General Assembly and Steering Board
5. CoP Kick-off Session 3 – Showcase of established HDABs
6. Q&A Direct Grants – Questions to HaDEA
7. Next Steps of CoP

Meeting Summary:

The European Health Data Space (EHDS2) Competent Authorities Community of Practice (CoP) held its kick-off meeting on January 25, 2024, in hybrid format Brussels, with over 40 participants attending in person. The meeting aimed to launch the CoP's activities, adopt the Working Arrangements Document (WAD), and elect the chairs and rapporteurs of the governing bodies.

Adoption of the Working Arrangements Document (WAD)

The WAD, prepared by a task force, sets out the CoP's mission and objectives, organization, procedures, roles, and responsibilities. It also identifies relevant stakeholders and outlines a roadmap of meetings and workplan for 2024.

The WAD proposes the creation of six subgroups including the aim, objectives, results expected from each subgroup as well as the interdependencies between them.

- Subgroup 1 Data Access Application systems (DAAM)
- Subgroup 2 Health Datasets Metadata Catalogue (HDsC) and Data Quality and Utility (DQU)
- Subgroup 3 Secure Processing Environments (SPEs)
- Subgroup 4 Cross-border Gateways
- Subgroup 5 Deployment and Operations
- Subgroup 6 Stakeholder's Fora

The WAD also includes a proposal for a set of collaborative tools (toolbox) to support the CoP to accomplish its goals.

The WAD was adopted by consensus, and the chairs and rapporteurs for the General Assembly and Steering Board were elected. It was noted that this is the first version of the WAD which reflects the current needs of the CoP. A revision is welcome in one year, as the WAD acts as a “living” document which reflects the requirements at the time of production.

Presentations and discussions

Established and experienced Health Data Access Bodies (HDABs) from DK, NO, FI and FR presented their national HDAB, shared experiences, and provided recommendations to the other countries that need to set up theirs. The presentations sparked a lot of interest and many questions among the CoP participants.

A session was dedicated to the administrative aspects of the Direct Grants, where participants asked questions to HaDEA.

Next steps

The final session was dedicated to discussing and brainstorming the next steps of the EHDS2 CoP, so that it can start working. The key actions identified as priority include:

- organising the first meeting of the Steering Board;
- start the work of the subgroups;
- nominate experts for the subgroups.

The next meeting of the General Assembly is expected to take place before the summer. The Steering Board will meet regularly on a monthly basis, and the subgroups will define their meeting arrangements once they will have started their work.