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Topic 2.6. D7.2 Report on best practices and approaches on data protection at national level

Issue at stake

The first draft of the D7.2 “Report on best practices and approaches on data protection at national level”. The task 7.2 is focused on the GDPR implementation and its implications in (not only) cross-border healthcare. The aim of this task is to share best practices and approaches on data protection at national level and to monitor the situation regarding data protection and the new requirements GDPR brings in digital health area.

Summary

The first draft of the report summarises the work carried out to date on the task 7.2 and indicates what activities are planned in order to achieve the deliverables.

Member States are currently facing implementation challenges brought about by new critical EU frameworks and legislation affecting health data and services on the national and cross-border services levels (GDPR, NIS, Patient Summary); Task 7.2 aims at aligning all the above to facilitate implementation and fix any relevant issues, with a specific focus on the GDPR.

Task 7.2 will also serve as a link to all current Commission policies, project calls and other initiatives in digital health, such as “The Rolling Plan on ICT Standardisation” (2018), the European Electronic Health Record exchange format and the new European Interoperability Framework (EIF).

Based on the plan, WP 7.2 prepared a survey. The electronic questionnaire was distributed to Member State and countries, regulatory institutions as well as health care providers.

There are several areas of interest covered by the survey; each of them is tackled by a series of questions. In general, the questions cover the key aspects of the GDPR and its implementation at the national level, especially in general legislation and with special focus on healthcare services and its providers.

After gathering the data from respondents, an analysis will be carried out in order to prepare the second draft of the report for the next eHealth Network meeting.

The eHealth Network is requested to endorse the approach in the task 7.2 as summarised in the first draft or raise any perceived issues.

This task had their scope redefined (Semantic topic/ National implication about GDPR) because it was too ambitious to be possible to conclude during the eHealth Network time.

All Member States and countries are invited to attend the 1st Workshop about GDPR that will be held in Prague (12-13 September 2019) involving the tasks T7.2 and T5.1.

Format of procedure in the eHealth Network meeting

The Member State co-chair introduces the topic and opens the floor to the eHealth Network for comments and questions.