Towards a common European Health Data Space

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Digital transformation of health and care

• Accessibility, affordability and availability of care

• Health challenges
  • Ageing population
  • Chronic diseases
  • Cancer (European Cancer Beating Plan)

We need to make the most of the potential of e-health to provide high-quality healthcare and reduce inequalities. I want you to work on the creation of a European Health Data Space to promote health-data exchange and support research on new preventive strategies, as well as on treatments, medicines, medical devices and outcomes. As part of this, you should ensure citizens have control over their own personal data.

Mission letter of Stella Kyriakides Commissioner for Health
A common European Health Data Space (EHDS)

Data Governance Act
LEVERAGING THE POTENTIAL OF DATA FOR THE ECONOMY AND SOCIETY

Pillar 1: Re-use of sensitive data held by public sector bodies
Pillar 2: Framework for new data intermediaries in the Single Market: Data brokers
Pillar 3: Framework for data altruism
Pillar 4: Co-ordination and interoperability: European Data Innovation Board (expert group)
A common European Health Data Space (EHDS)

• EHDS: Health Data + Digital Health + AI in health

  1. **Health data exchange** (governance, privacy, quality, portability and access to data, infrastructures, interoperability)

  2. A single market for *digital health services and products*

  3. Clear **rules** fit for **developing and deploying** data-intensive digital health services and products, including AI in health

• In combination with other horizontal initiatives

• Inception impact assessment available in *Have your say* (feedback period closed on 03/02)
# A common European Health Data Space (EHDS)

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Primary and secondary uses of health data

- **Use of health data (primary)**
  - Better Healthcare
  - Better Policy Making
  - Better Research and Innovation

- **Re-use of health data (secondary)**

**Legal/Governance**
- Legislative and non-legislative measures on e.g. governance, interoperability, citizens’ rights,

**Quality of Data**
- E.g. FAIRification projects

**Infrastructure**
- Cross-border infrastructure for health data exchange
- EU-wide infrastructure for secondary uses

**Capacity building**
- E.g. Trainings, cross-border cooperation, best practices, etc.
MyHealth@EU: Cross-border infrastructure for healthcare provision

Doctor access to foreign citizen Patient Summary

Patient Summary

Used while traveling abroad and being in necessity of consulting a doctor in that country.

Provides information on important health related aspects such as your allergies, current medication, previous illness, surgeries.

Helps doctors to formulate an adequate treatment, avoid some possible risk (for instance in case of allergy) and overcome linguistic barriers.

eHealth Network Patient Summary guidelines, including minimum dataset
MyHealth@EU: Cross-border infrastructure for healthcare provision

Patients access to ePrescriptions abroad

Electronic prescription in Europe – a Finnish patient purchasing medication in a pharmacy abroad

Remember to visit My Kanta pages and give consent

Give consent via My Kanta pages and take a journey

Show your passport or ID card

Purchase medication in a pharmacy abroad

Dispensation details

Kanta

ePrescription

allows citizens in Europe to retrieve their medication in a pharmacy located in another European country without having to bring the printed prescription and without being concerned about the language barrier.

eHealth Network ePrescriptions and eDispensation guidelines
A pilot for the European Health Data Space infrastructure

- Demonstrate feasibility of connecting bodies and stakeholders dealing with secondary uses of health data
  - Data Permit Authorities: FR, FI, DK
  - Data-sharing infrastructures
  - Regulatory and public health bodies: EMA, ECDC
- Status: Design phase
- Timeline: start implementation in Q4 2021

**EHDS NODES** digital services
- Message exchange
- Backend integration
- Publish metadata (describing data sources)
- Access management

**EHDS FEDERATION** digital services
- Dynamic Service Location
- Dataset lookup capability
- Trust establishment
- Service desk
- Compliance check
What the (short-term) future holds

- **Legislative proposal** on the European Health Data Space in 2021
  - Proposal on Data Governance Act (already published)
  - Inception impact assessment feedback closed in Q1 2021 (*Have your say*)
  - Open public consultation in Q1/Q2 2021

- Cooperation with Member State stakeholders in the **Towards a European Health Data Space (TEHDaS)** Joint Action

- Design and implementation of the **EHDS pilot**