

# The epSOS electronic Prescription

epSOS is an eHealth (“electronic Health”) interoperability project funded by the European Commission. It aims at improving medical treatment of citizens while abroad by providing Healthcare Professionals<sup>1</sup> (HCP) with the necessary electronic and safe patient data.

The goal of the project is to develop a service infrastructure that enables the exchange of patient data – **Patient Summaries and ePrescriptions** – across borders. This facilitates the usage of the data for patients seeking healthcare abroad.

The services developed in the course of the epSOS project are tested in a pilot operation phase. For the first time European patients will have the opportunity to use cross-border ePrescription services if they require prescribed drugs in participating epSOS pilot countries.

<sup>1</sup> Healthcare Professionals are: hospitals, doctors, general practitioners



# epSOS Service Definition

ePrescribing is defined as the electronic prescribing of medicine using software and transmitting it to the pharmacy where it is being retrieved. eDispensing is defined as the electronic retrieving of an ePrescription, dispensing the medicine to the patient as indicated and electronically reporting about the medicine dispensed.

## How to use your epSOS ePrescription abroad?

- ① You receive an ePrescription from your doctor in your home country.
- ② Then you travel abroad and require medication in another epSOS pilot country.
- ③ Consult a pharmacy that is taking part in the epSOS pilot phase (please visit [www.epsos.eu](http://www.epsos.eu) to find pharmacies participating in the epSOS project).
- ④ Identify yourself to the dispenser/pharmacist/staff at the pharmacy and ask for your prescription. Hereby you give your consent to the dispenser/pharmacist accessing your personal information in your ePrescriptions.
- ⑤ The dispenser/pharmacist will retrieve your ePrescriptions via the pharmacy's computer.
- ⑥ Information about the dispensed medicine is sent to your home country to update your prescription database accordingly.
- ⑦ ePrescriptions dispensed through epSOS services are not eligible for reimbursement.