

The legal perspective of the epSOS Services

From a Legal and Regulatory (L&R) perspective, it is important to note that the epSOS Services will be offered on a pilot basis. As a pilot, the primary objective of the initiative is to gather information and evidence in order to facilitate subsequent full deployment.

The mission of the L&R work area is to ensure that L&R challenges, which are critical to the realization of the epSOS pilots in real life situations, are appropriately recognized and addressed. This work shall support and guide the epSOS Participating Nations in transferring this knowledge to a national level and shall support a close collaboration with the Data Protection Authorities of all Participating Nations.

Data Protection

epSOS Services are subject to extremely strict data security and protection standards. All your personal medical data is protected at all times, and most importantly, your data can only be accessed with your consent.

Corporate Social Responsibility

The epSOS project is about people's cross-border healthcare and safety as well as about trust. We, as the project members, emphasize this fact by setting up a high level of ethic standards as part of our project culture. These standards are based upon integrity, respect, consent and transparency of information and behaviour according to national and European legal regulations. This aims at generating and maintaining confidence among all stakeholders and encouraging project participants to act in a fair and responsible way.

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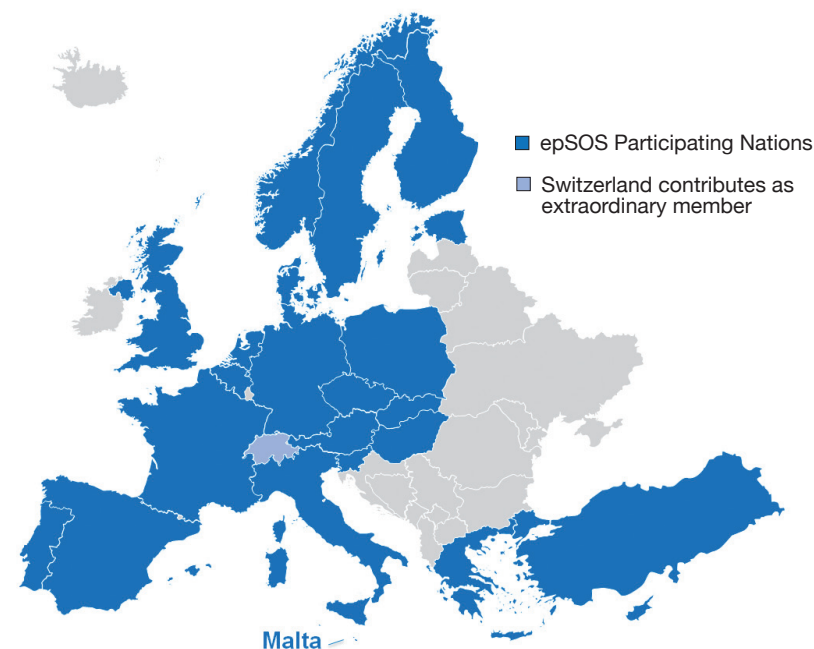
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Smart Open Services for European Patients

The main European eHealth Project



General Information

epSOS is the main European electronic Health (“eHealth”) interoperability project co-funded by the European Commission and the partners.

It focuses on improving medical treatment of citizens while abroad by providing health professionals with the necessary patient data in a secure electronic format. In particular, epSOS attempts to offer seamless healthcare to European citizens by building and evaluating a service infrastructure.

epSOS in figures

KEY FACTS	
Duration	5 ½ years: 1st July 2008 – 31st December 2013
Volume	€ 36,5 Million: Co-funded by the European Commission
Programme	Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) within the ICT Policy Support Programme
Number of beneficiaries (formation of the consortium)	47 Beneficiaries: Consisting of national ministries of health, national / regional competence centers and the Project Management Team.
Number of countries	23 different European countries: 20 Member States and 3 non-EU Member States

Infrastructures and human resources involved*

INFRASTRUCTURES INVOLVED	
Points of Care	3.445
Hospitals	183
Pharmacies	2.149
Other healthcare provider	1.113
HUMAN RESOURCES INVOLVED	
Health professionals	30.157

* Figures dated 16.05.2011

epSOS Services

During the course of the epSOS project, epSOS Services will be tested in practice in a pilot operation phase which will last for one year.

For the first time, patients in Europe will have the opportunity to use cross-border eHealth services when seeking healthcare in participating epSOS pilot countries. epSOS will test cross-border eHealth services in the following areas:

1ST PHASE TESTING

▶ Patient Summary

Access to important medical data for the treatment of patients

▶ ePrescription or eMedication systems

Cross-border use of electronic prescriptions:

- ePrescribing is defined as the electronic prescribing of medicine using software to transmit the prescription data to the pharmacy where it is being retrieved.
- eDispensing is defined as the electronic retrieval of an ePrescription, the dispensing of the medicine to the patient as indicated, and the submission of an electronic report for the medicine dispensed.

2ND PHASE (EPSOS EXTENSION PHASE)

Phase 2 of epSOS will further consolidate, scale up and operationalize the epSOS Services for ID management, security, semantics and standards. If feasible, the following new epSOS Services will be tested:

▶ Patient access to data

Provide patients with access to their information

▶ Integration of 112 emergency services

Access to patient summary data in order to improve the quality of care in the event their services are required

▶ Integration of the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)

The epSOS architecture is based on IHE (Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise) profiles.

How to use epSOS Services or work with them?
Find out on: www.epsos.eu

Evaluation of epSOS Services

Evaluation is the key word for the improvement and customization of services to satisfy users. Patients and health professionals who used epSOS Services can help us to improve our services by filling out the questionnaires at the Points of Care or online on www.epsos.eu.

