



22ND EHEALTH NETWORK MEETING 7 NOVEMBER 2022, BRUSSELS, BELGIUM

COVER NOTE

6.1 EU4Health (for information)

1. Issue at stake

The annual work programme 2022 of EU4Health includes two key actions for the development of the European Health Data Space (EHDS), one covering the expansion of MyHealth@EU and the other supporting a joint action on primary uses of health data. It is important to make the best use of these funding opportunities to accelerate the rollout of MyHealth@EU services to more countries, to expand its services portfolio and to prepare the ground for the implementation of the EHDS.

2. Summary

In its 2021 and 2022 work programmes, EU4Health supports the development and establishment of the EHDS with a substantial initial contribution of almost EUR 110 million, with approximately EUR 33 million in 2021, and EUR 75 million in 2022. To support the development of the EHDS, work programme 2022 of EU4Health includes two key actions covering primary uses of health data. These actions are direct grants to Member States for the expansion of MyHealth@EU (EUR 30 million) and a joint action on primary uses (EUR 4 million).

The direct grants available in 2022 for the expansion of MyHealth@EU almost triple the volume of 2021. Therefore, it is important to make the most of this opportunity to advance in the rollout of MyHealth@EU.

A majority of eligible countries have nominated a competent authority and affiliated entities for the participation in these actions. The invitation to submit proposals is open until January 2023. It is important that the nominated competent authorities prepare well the proposals within this deadline. DG SANTE and HaDEA will support Competent Authorities in the submission of their proposals.

Besides these, EU4Health will also support an infrastructure pilot project for the secondary use of health data (HealthData@EU), the set-up and connection of health data access bodies, the uptake of international standards by Member States, actions on capacity building and other preparatory actions, as well as a pilot project for the access of patients to their health data through MyHealth@EU.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

For discussion of the eHealth Network on the preparation of the Direct Grants for Member States and joint action.