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COVER NOTE

8. WHO Europe digital action plan

1. Issue at stake

The regional digital health action plan for the WHO European Region 2023–2030 intends to support countries in leveraging and scaling up digital transformation for better health and in aligning digital technology investment decisions with their health system needs, while fully respecting the values of equity, solidarity and human rights.

The regional digital health action plan identifies four strategic priorities for the achievement of this vision: (i) setting norms and developing technical guidance; (ii) enhancing country capacities to better govern digital transformation in the health sector and advance digital health literacy; (iii) building networks and promoting dialogue and knowledge exchange; and (iv) conducting horizon-scanning and landscape analysis for patient-centred solutions that can be scaled up.

Some of the strategic priorities identified in the action plan align with the Commission work on digital health. It is therefore important that the eHealth Network and the Commission work closely with WHO Europe to align the implementation of the digital health action plan with EU initiatives and find synergies, where relevant.

2. Summary

Health ministers and delegates from WHO/Europe's 53 Member States have adopted the Region's first-ever digital health action plan – an ambitious agenda that will leverage digital transformation in Europe and central Asia with the aim of improving people's health and well-being.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

This agenda point is for information.