



## 25<sup>TH</sup> EHEALTH NETWORK MEETING 28 NOVEMBER 2023, BRUSSELS

### COVER NOTE

#### **9.4 Priority 4: Assess digital health deployment progress and best practices in EU Member States– Update of the concept paper (*for discussion*)**

##### **Cover note/background**

###### **1) Introduction**

The eHealth Network adopted an annual work plan for the first time at the online eHealth Network meeting on 30 March 2023, which was later discussed at the 24th eHealth Network meeting in Stockholm on 1 and 2 June 2023. The eHealth Network Work Plan 2023 has identified 5 key priorities with clear deliverables, planning and responsibilities for existing sub-groups and volunteer Member States, together with the European Commission.

Five key priorities were identified for the eHealth Network 2023 workplan:

1. Identify the needs for European funding for eHealth infrastructure for primary and secondary use of health data
2. Achieve further technical common choices and formalize our process
3. Implement European ethical principles for digital health
4. Assess digital health deployment progress and best practices in EU Member States
5. Cooperate more effectively, in preparation for the future EHDS board

Regarding priority 4 (“Assess digital health deployment progress and best practices in EU Member States”), as of today, very few studies have been conducted that measure objectively progress of digital health in different countries. Some countries have therefore chosen to work with research or consulting groups to get a better idea of current trends in the EU. However, it is important that these initiatives are in line with one another.

###### **2) Issue at stake**

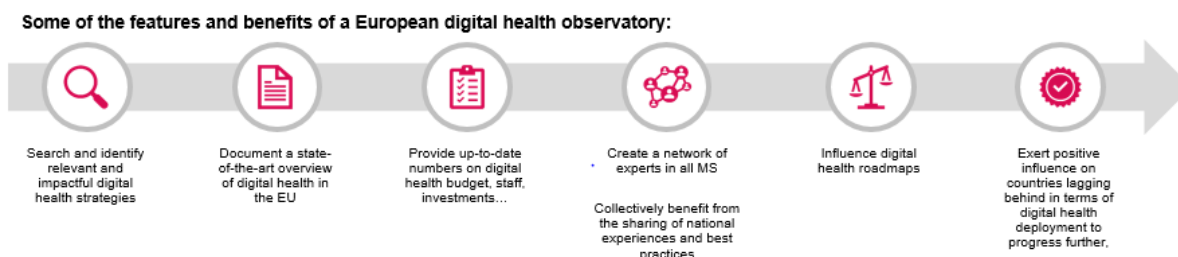
Comparing the progress of eHealth deployment and related national and regional strategies amongst EU Member States can be a very effective tool to obtain a state-of-the-art overview of digital health in the EU. Moreover, it will provide insights to support each Member State at national level to move forward. It can exert positive influence on countries lagging behind in terms of digital health deployment to progress further, while learning from lessons learned of other more advanced Member States, and collectively benefiting from the sharing of national experiences and best practices.

###### **3) Summary**



The work of priority 4 is to establish an Observatory of digital health implementation for eHN Member States through collaborative self-assessment by March 2024.

The guiding principle of this work is to build on already available information from previous reports, surveys, complete with relevant punctual assessments from Member States.



A list of indicators of this Observatory will be presented, for discussion and for decision. An action plan to implement the Observatory will be presented for discussion and for decision.

Following the 25<sup>th</sup> eHN meeting, Member States are then invited to upload links and relevant information on the [European Commission Confluence](#) portal.

#### 4) Format of procedure in the meeting : *for discussion and for adoption*

Presentation includes

- List of existing studies to be reused
- List of digital health indicators
- Action plan

#### + QUESTIONS

1. Does eHealth Network agree to share all relevant previous questionnaires conducted in the field of digital health? Do we need Member States to sign an authorisation form?
2. Should the Observatory be made public once completed?

#### ANNEX 1

List of indicators:

Link to latest national digital health roadmap, digital health legislation

Information on digital health funding

List main actors in the field of digital health

List of relevant digital health contacts and email/ cell phone



## ANNEX 2

### Action plan

Objective	Actions	Actors involved/ timeline
<b>Establish digital health country pages on Confluence</b>	Each MS to add content material for each section, based on adopted list of indicators	<b>All MS before December 31, 2023</b>
<b>Create a subgroup of available eHN members and C1 to establish list of sources</b>	<p><b>Establish an overview of all EU-level and national digital health assessments conducted since 2020</b></p> <p>a. Collect existing material, questionnaires and studies conducted in the field of digital health studies at the EU level</p> <p>b. List available indicators / dates of collection</p> <p>c. Liaise with experts having conducted studies (I.e. European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies <a href="https://eurohealthobservatory.who.int/">https://eurohealthobservatory.who.int/</a>). OECD and/or WHO could be partners in this process.</p> <p>d. All eHealth network members to provide authorization for reuse of filled out questionnaires.</p>	<p><b>December – Janaury 2023</b></p> <p><b>Voluntary eHN members and C1</b></p>
<b>Finalize Confluence country pages</b>	<p>Develop a concept note and list the indicators missing in these assessments, that need to be collected through national yearly assessments. Establish and send out questionnaire to MS.</p> <p>Second version to be developed after 25th eHN will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- More specific sections on cybersecurity, interoperability....</li> <li>- National and regional budget for digital health</li> <li>- EU-level calls for projects</li> <li>- Information on national digital health infrastructures such as Mon espace santé in France</li> </ul>	<p><b>Voluntary eHN members and C1</b></p> <p><b>January – March 2023</b></p>



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