



25TH EHEALTH NETWORK MEETING 28 NOVEMBER 2023, BRUSSELS

COVER NOTE

8.2 Presentation by the EIB on funding opportunities for Digital health initiatives (*for information*)

1) Introduction

This session will consist of a shared presentation from the European Investment Bank (EIB, the Bank) and the Department of Health in Ireland. It aims to raise awareness of the opportunities for Member States to use EIB financing, specifically in the context of investments needed for the implementation of Digital Health initiatives.

The EIB is the lending arm of the European Union. The Bank is the biggest multilateral financial institution in the world and supports a wide range of initiatives that are important to member states, including digital health developments.

In that regard, the Bank's services would like to present the Bank and its role in supporting digital health projects and other eligible investments, and the way the Bank works.

Ireland will share their positive experience of cooperation with the EIB on the funding of their eHealth programme. An EIB loan of EUR 225 million over 20 years was agreed in 2018, with the objective of supporting the implementation of Ireland's national eHealth programme.

The eHealth programme includes the introduction of Individual Health Identifiers for every patient in the country, the establishment of an EHR system for acute and community care, and developments that support the creation and sharing of key patient information through a National Shared Record system that will be accessible by all health care providers. The eHealth programme is implemented by the Department of Health, the Health Service Executive (HSE) and eHealth Ireland.

2) Issue at stake

Potential funding from the EIB, potentially available for eligible digital health investments and EHDS implementation.

3) Summary + clear questions to facilitate the discussion during the meeting

The EIB can provide a financial support for digital health projects. This support is to be decided following a positive outcome of the project due diligence by the Bank. Questions to participants:

- Have you considered the EIB support for your digital health/e-health developments?



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- Would you like to know more about the funding opportunities provided by the EIB and/or the experience of the Irish Department of Health?

4) Format of procedure in the meeting

This Agenda point is for information but it will be presented during the meeting.