



**25<sup>TH</sup> EHEALTH NETWORK MEETING 28 NOVEMBER 2023,  
BRUSSELS  
COVER NOTE**

**8.1. Digital health actions under work programme 2023 of EU4Health (*for information*)**

1) Introduction

[Work programme 2023 of EU4Health](#) contains actions that are highly relevant for digital health, and for the preparation and implementation of the European Health Data Space (EHDS). It is important to make the best use of these funding opportunities to expand MyHealth@EU to new services and to invest in semantic interoperability.

2) Issue at stake

In its 2021 and 2022 work programmes, EU4Health supported the development and establishment of the EHDS with a substantial initial planned contribution of almost EUR 110 million. Under these work programmes, several projects have been or are being launched through direct grants to Member States for the expansion of MyHealth@EU and a joint action on primary uses is about to be launched.

In work programme 2023, EU4Health has earmarked approximately EUR 25 million to digital health. In the area of primary uses of health data, EU4Health will support the increase of health data semantic interoperability by supporting Member States to join SNOMED International and/or to acquire or renew the annual licenses.

EU4Health will also support a pilot for the implementation, integration, deployment and operation of Member State services in MyHealth@EU taking advantage of the widespread use of smartphones and QR code technologies, based on the example of EU Digital Covid Certificate, covering the ePrescription, Patient Summary and vaccination card services.

This pilot is expected to be the first step towards implementing MyHealth@EU vaccination card services. This work is expected to build on the 2022 study on “Provision of options and recommendations for an EU citizen’s vaccination card<sup>1</sup>”, the ongoing work of the POTENTIAL, PaTHED projects and WHO Global Digital Health Certification Network.

Member States nominated competent authorities and affiliated entities for the participation in the direct grants and joint action calls mid-September 2023. The expected date for opening the submission period is mid-November 2023, with an expected submission deadline in early 2024. The invitations to submit proposals will be sent to the nominated competent authorities, and will contain specific information on these calls. DG SANTE and HaDEA are ready to support and guide the nominated competent authorities on these funding opportunities to make the most of the allocated budget.

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<sup>1</sup> [Provision of options and recommendations for an EU citizen’s vaccination card - Publications Office of the EU \(europa.eu\)](#)



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Besides these actions on primary uses of health data, EU4Health will also support a joint action on the reuse of data in the EHDS, as a follow-up to joint action TEHDaS. It will also cover the operations of MyHealth@EU and HealthData@EU core services, the enhancement of MyHealth@EU to support patients' access to their health data and capacity building in the area of secondary uses of health data, as well as the preparations to establish a publicly available database with information on EHR systems and wellness applications.

### 3) Summary

EU4Health has very important actions under its work programme 2023 to continue advancing in the area of primary uses of health data. EU4Health will support the expansion MyHealth@EU services and the increase of semantic interoperability by promoting the adoption of SNOMED CT.

### 4) Format of procedure in the meeting

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