



25TH EHEALTH NETWORK MEETING, 28 NOVEMBER 2023, BRUSSELS

COVER NOTE

14.1. Digital Decade Program Monitoring Framework *(for information)*

Cover note/background

1) Introduction

Following the adoption of the Declaration on European Digital Rights and Principles and the Digital Decade Policy Programme 2030, agreed jointly by the European Parliament, Member States and the Commission, that established digital targets and objectives for all EU Member States to be reached by 2030 across four areas: digital skills, digital infrastructure, digitalisation of business and of public services, including eHealth target of providing 100% of EU citizens with access to their electronic health records by 2030, a comprehensive monitoring framework we developed to provide the MS and the EC with the tool to monitor and annually report the advancement towards achieving the eHealth target.

The concept of the framework addresses a methodological gap that stemmed from a lack of a clear definition of ‘citizens’ access’ and from the use of the term ‘access’ to refer to constructs not associated with the possibility to access certain types of data but rather to measure usage frequency and ease.

The composite indicator covers four layers beyond the implementation of electronic access services, that are: categories of accessible health data, access technology (eID, access via portals or apps), coverage (by population and healthcare providers), and equitable access opportunities.

The baseline data for 2022 was collected and incorporated in the State of Digital Decade Report (SDDR), published in September 2023. The results show that countries are progressing well in facilitating citizens’ access to electronic health records with an EU27-average score of 72% out of 100%, but the picture is heterogenous across the framework layers. Apart from Ireland, electronic access services exist in all responding countries, however secure and equitable access to a comprehensive set of updated health data provided from a range of healthcare providers has not been fully established yet in many countries.

Next milestone would be annual data collection in EU MS, based on the developed methodology, to be published in next editions of SDDR. Respondents would be national competent authorities, national representatives of the eHealth Network and expert correspondents across the study countries.

The Digital Decade eHealth Indicators Development Study, which presents the results of the baseline assessment on EU27 countries’ (plus Iceland and Norway) state-of-play towards delivering the Digital Decade Policy Programme 2030 e-Health target can be available here:



[Study Final Report](#)

[Country Factsheets](#)

[Executive Summary \(EN\)](#)

[2023 Report on the state of the Digital Decade | Shaping Europe's digital future \(europa.eu\)](#)

2) Issue at stake

n/a

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

The [Digital Decade policy programme 2030](#), a monitoring and cooperation mechanism to achieve common targets for Europe's digital transformation by 2030, has entered into force on 9 January 2023. Following the adoption of the Declaration on European Digital Rights and Principles and the Digital Decade Policy Programme 2030, agreed jointly by the European Parliament, Member States and the Commission, that established digital targets and objectives for all EU Member States to be reached by 2030 across four areas: digital skills, digital infrastructure, digitalisation of business and of public services, including eHealth target of providing 100% of EU citizens with access to their electronic health records by 2030, a comprehensive monitoring framework was developed to provide the MS and the EC with the tool to monitor and annually report the advancement towards achieving the eHealth target.

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4) Format of procedure in the meeting

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