



8 eHealth Stakeholder Group

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eHealth Stakeholder Group

- *eHSG has 40 members, umbrella organisations and associations with a European outreach, representing the health-tech industry, patients, healthcare professionals and the research community.*
- *The eHSG's task is to provide advice and expertise, contributing to policy development and the implementation of the digital transformation of health and care. The group acts at the request of the DG CNECT and DG SANTE in compliance with the Commission's horizontal rules on expert groups.*
- *Webinars/workshops organised during 2021:*
photonics, mHealth, 1+Million Genomes initiative – citizens' trust and stakeholders engagement, **European Health Data Space (EHDS)**, **Digital Health Europe (DHE)** recommendations to the EC on digital transformation of healthcare



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- *The eHSG was invited in the spring to put forward concrete solutions and actions that could bring forward digital health in Europe and contribute to the acceptance of the European Health Data Space (EHDS).*
- *These were shared at a webinar on September 10.*
- *The perspectives of many different member organisations of the eHSG were obtained through the working groups (however not as a “consensus” of the whole expert group).*



eHealth Stakeholder Group – towards EHDS acceptance

The eHSG have formed 5 working groups on which concrete solutions the stakeholders identify and actions that could be taken in the area of:

- 1. promoting access to health data and interoperability*
- 2. re-use of health data for research and policy-making*
- 3. promotion of digital health services and products*
- 4. uptake of AI for health*
- 5. sharing of data between public and private partners*



eHealth Stakeholder Group – towards EHDS acceptance Promoting access to health data and interoperability

- *WG1, co-lead by EFN* and HOPE**, prepared a policy paper that examined interoperability and its implications for healthcare systems and the frontline health workforce. Co-creation of any digital solutions together with front line healthcare workers (nurses, doctors) was seen as essential for the deployment and adoption of digital interoperability as well as “end-user engagement” as a precondition for boosting interoperability in the EU.*
- *To this end, we have established closer links between the hospitals and nurses representatives and the X-eHealth project. We have also included references to the stakeholders to the legislative proposal on EHDS.*

* European Federation of Nurses Associations

** European Hospital and Healthcare Federation



eHealth Stakeholder Group – towards EHDS acceptance Re-use of health data for research and policy-making

- *From WG2, on secondary use, the recommendations from the stakeholders were to make sure citizens have insight into where their health data is used, GDPR interpretations are harmonized, data quality is assessed, Standards Development Organisations are better supported to enable interoperability, making health data that is publicly funded available to all, co-creating a European infrastructure and harmonizing rules at regional and national level.*



eHealth Stakeholder Group – towards EHDS acceptance Promotion of digital health services and products

- *From WG3, led by COCIR, on digital health services and products, the recommendations were to integrate digital health solutions into clinical workflows and health software systems, assessment criteria for services and products, addressing legal gaps on the definition of medical acts and liability, co-creation with HCPs and patients to develop services and using APIs for easy integration.*



eHealth Stakeholder Group – towards EHDS acceptance Uptake of AI for health

- *WG4, led by COCIR, general remark was that AI solutions should be created with the aim to inform, support and empower healthcare professionals and patients. The use of such AI solutions must always be accompanied by healthcare professionals advice to patients in healthcare settings.*
- *Recommendations addressed the need for updating EU safety and liability legislation; working on clear safeguards for ethical approaches to AI, including in more sensitive applications (e.g. biometrics, emotion and behaviour recognition); providing a robust framework to ensure fair, legitimate and appropriate access to data and services within the EHDS; upskilling stakeholders directly involved in the application and analysis of AI; clear standards and better validation of effective use and performance of AI systems in real-world settings; requirements for data quality and data provenence; promoting interoperability and setting up infrastructures.*



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Sharing of data between public and private partners

- *From WG5, on public-private data exchange, the recommendations are that the driver should be public good, consent needs to be practicable, public-private partnerships should be transparent about purpose and outcomes and should be reciprocal, existing tools and methods should be scaled up, platforms should be transparent about their governance and who benefits, drawing from the Declarations of Taipei/Helsinki.*



Questions?

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