



## 7.1. Capacity building

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## Background of capacity building initiative

- Insufficient exchange of health data
- Limited interoperability
- Limited control and access to data
- The uptake and free movement of digital health services and products (eg tele-health and m-health) is yet limited



## Background of capacity building initiative II

- Different development stage on the digitalisation of the healthcare systems
- Investments of EU funds (RFF, ERDF) and national funding- creating new Digital health/Digital strategies, digitalisation of different health processes, e-health reforms, creating new infrastructures, working on interoperability on national level/cross-border level, on access to data and further use of health data, creating new health services, developing tele health services



Call for tender **under EU4Health 2021 Work Programme** “DI-p-25.1 - EHDS: primary use of health data - infrastructure governance

*f) by using a twinning approach, to support Member States in the development and/or improvement of their own digital health strategies at national level. Support exchange of best practices”*



The capacity building initiative **aims** at stimulating the developing and strengthening of skills, abilities, processes and resources working on national digital health services.

It would allow to avoid fragmentation and facilitate cross-border interoperability between national and EU level.

The initiative would be based on **the twinning approach**.



**The areas of the capacity building** (cross border and on national level) could include sharing of expertise in the field of:

- 1) exchange of health data
- 2) development of digital products and services – tele-health and m-health
- 3) access and control by individuals over their own health data



**Target audience** - decision makers in Member States (ministry level, national competent authorities for digital health, data protection authorities, HTA bodies etc) and other relevant stakeholders.

**The possible activities** are: provision of experts (remunerated), seminars, workshops, working visits and training.



## Questions for the Member States:

- 1) Would you be interested to apply in order to receive advice from other Member States?
- 2) Would you be interested to apply in order to provide experts?
- 3) If yes, what are the areas where you would be interested to build the capacity?
- 4) If not, what are the main reasons?
- 5) Do you see a need for a more structural follow up once the project is over and in what form?





# Thank you!