



21ST eHEALTH NETWORK MEETING 1-2 JUNE 2022, PARIS, FRANCE

COVER NOTE

11.1. Preparation of implementation for primary use of health data under the EHDS (for discussion) (PART 1 – Plenary session)

Presentations on funding opportunities from EU4Health Programme

1. Issue at stake

The European Health Data Space (EHDS) sets out a new framework in the area of digital health and health data. This requires substantial investments and regional, national and European level. Multiple sources of funding addressing different aspects of the EHDS are available to Member States' authorities and other stakeholders. It is vital for the success of the EHDS to make an effective use of these and other available funding actions.

2. Summary

The proposal for a Regulation on the European Health Data Space (EHDS) was adopted on 3 May 2022, which covers data protection and single market aspects of both primary and secondary uses of health data. The EHDS has strong ties with several actions of the EU in health and social care, digitisation, research, innovation, regional development and economic recovery.

To support the development of the EHDS, a number of complementary funding actions have been foreseen not only as part of the health programme, EU4Health, but also other complementary programmes, such as the Digital Europe Programme (DEP), Horizon Europe and Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). Additionally, activities in the area of digital health are also eligible under the Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), the European Social Fund + (ESF+), the Technical Support Instrument (TSI) and Invest EU. Each programme pursues its own specific objectives and is bound by specific rules. Therefore, it is vital for the success of the EHDS to make an effective use of the available funds.

In its 2021 and 2022 work programmes, EU4Health already supports the development and establishment of the EHDS with a substantial initial contribution of almost EUR 110 million, with approximately EUR 33 million in 2021, and EUR 75 million in 2022. To support the development of the EHDS, Work Programme 2022 of EU4Health includes two direct grants covering primary uses of health data. The actions focus on the expansion of MyHealth@EU (EUR 30 million) and a joint action on primary uses (EUR 4 million). Additionally, EU4Health is also supporting an infrastructure pilot project for the secondary use of health data (HealthData@EU), the set-up and connection of health data access bodies, the uptake of international standards by Member States, actions on capacity building and other preparatory actions, as well as a pilot project for the access of patients to their health data through MyHealth@EU.

3. Format of procedure in the meeting

For discussion and information. Member States will be invited to ask questions and share their views on their needs and the best way to use these funds for the EHDS in breakout sessions.