



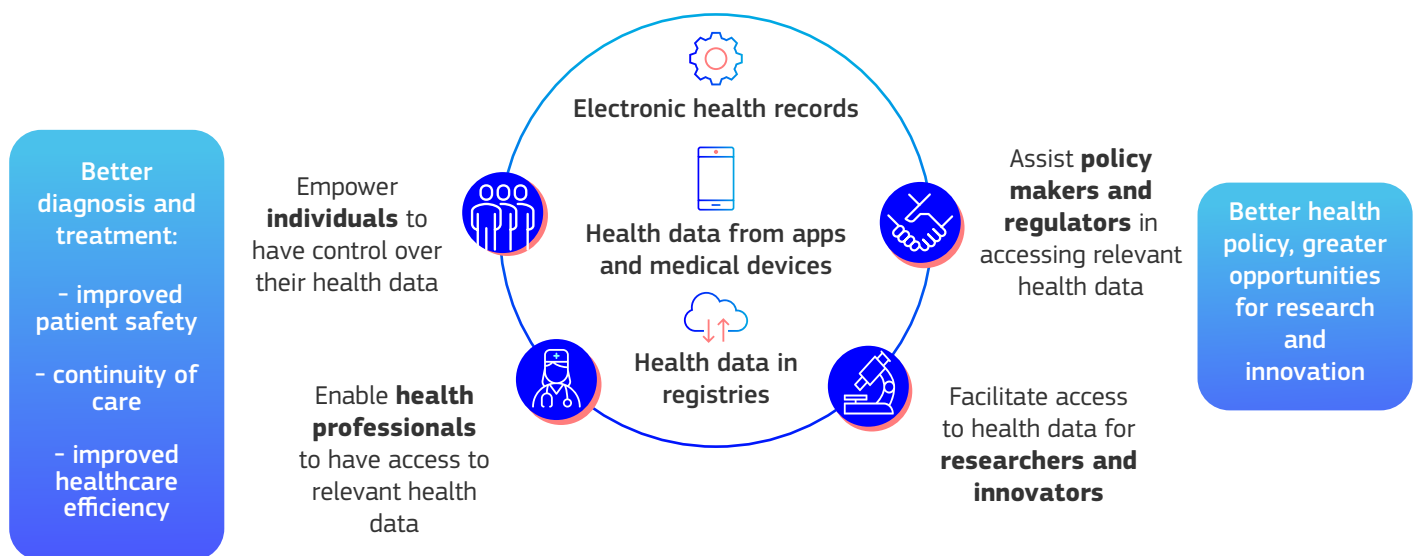
EUROPEAN HEALTH DATA SPACE

#EUDigitalHealth

MAY 2024

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ Empower individuals through better digital access to their personal health data;
- ✓ Support free movement by ensuring that health data follow people;
- ✓ Set up strict rules for the use of anonymised, or pseudonymised health data for research, innovation and policy-making.



GROWTH POTENTIAL OF THE HEALTH DATA ECONOMY



€5.5 billion

In savings in the EU over ten years from better access and exchange of health data in **healthcare**



20-30%

Additional growth of the digital health market



€5.4 billion

In savings in the EU over ten years from better use of health data **for research, innovation and policy making**

BENEFITS

As a citizen

- You will have **control over your health data**:
 - You will have **access** to your health data in electronic form immediately and without any cost.
 - You will be able to **share** your data with health professionals nationally or cross-border.
 - You will be able to **add** information, **rectify** errors, **restrict** access and obtain information on how your data are used.
 - You will have a right to health data, issued and accepted, in a common **European format**.
- Your **security and privacy will be ensured**
 - Researchers, industry or public institutions may only access health data
 - for **specific purposes** that benefit individuals and society.
 - that do **not reveal the identity** of the individual.
 - in closed, **secure environments**.
 - You will have a right to opt-out from such secondary use.

As a health professional

- You will have **faster access** to patient's health records, including across borders.
- You will have easier access to health records from different systems, greatly **reducing the administrative burden**.

As a researcher

- You will have **access** to large amounts of health data, in order to carry out research.
- You will be able to know what data is available, where, and of what quality.
- You will be able to access the data **cheaper and more effectively**.

As regulators and policy-makers

- You will have easier, more transparent and less costly access to health data for the benefit of public health and the overall functioning of healthcare systems and to ensure patient safety.

As industry

- Thanks to standardisation, you could more easily **enter into new markets** for electronic health records in other Member States.
- You will benefit from the greater availability of electronic health data, enabling the use of data for applied research and **innovation**.

© European Union, 2024

Reuse of this document is allowed, provided appropriate credit is given and any changes are indicated (Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International license). For any use or reproduction of elements that are not owned by the EU, permission may need to be sought directly from the respective right holders.
All images © European Union, unless otherwise stated.