



# Health Priorities in the Digital Single Market Strategy

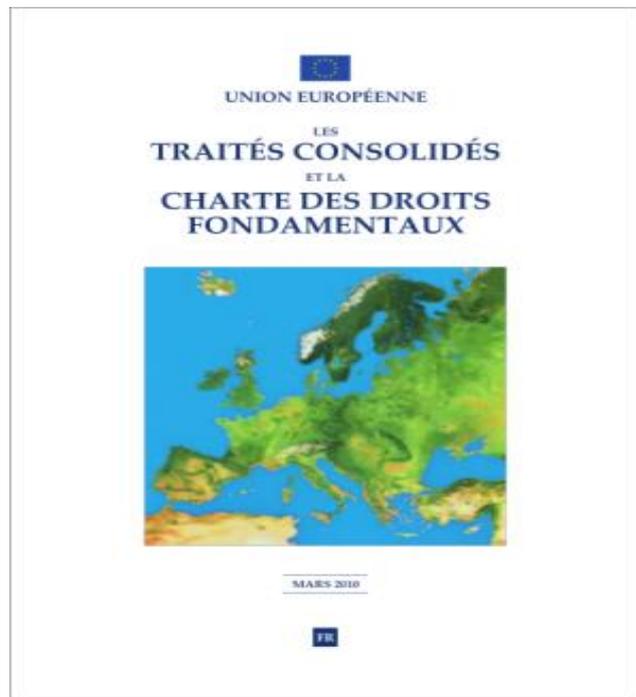




# 25 April 2018: the "Data Package"

- Towards a common data space in the EU for new products and services based on data
  - *Review of the Directive on re-use of public sector information*
  - *Results of the evaluation of the Database Directive*
  - *Sharing of private sector data*
  - *Artificial Intelligence*
  - *Simplifying legal framework for .eu*
  - *Transparency and fairness for platform users*
  - *Online disinformation – Code of Practice*
  - *Communication on digital health and care*

# Subsidiarity and cooperation



## Patients' rights in Cross-border Healthcare



# The Directive – A major step towards a Europe for Health



1. clarifies the rights of patients who seek reimbursement for care received in another Member State;  
and enhances information to patients
2. provides a legal framework for the cooperation of Member States
  1. *Recognition of prescriptions*
  2. *eHealth*
  3. *European Reference Networks*



## Digital Single Market Strategy (May 2015)

- The European Commission has **placed digital at the core of its strategy**, by setting the Digital Single Market as **one of its 10 priorities**
- The aim is to **open up digital opportunities** for people and business and to make the EU's single market **fit for the digital age**

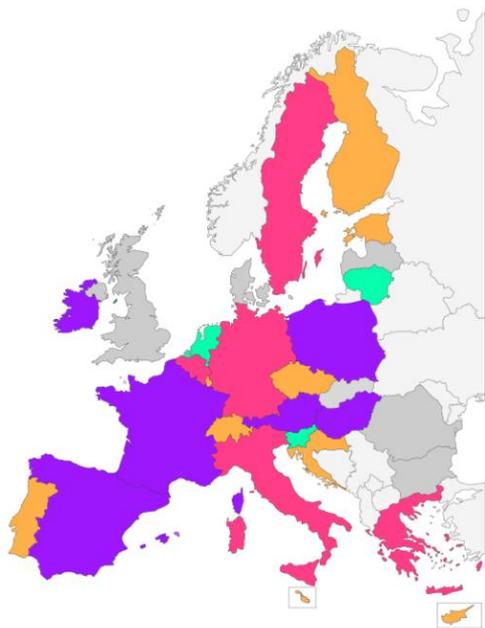
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## Secure access and exchange of health data



- ***Progressive exchange of e-prescriptions and patient summaries across EU Member States***
- ***Increased interoperability & exchange of Electronic Health Records***
- ***Implementing Decision and Commission Recommendation***

# Giving citizens better access to their health data

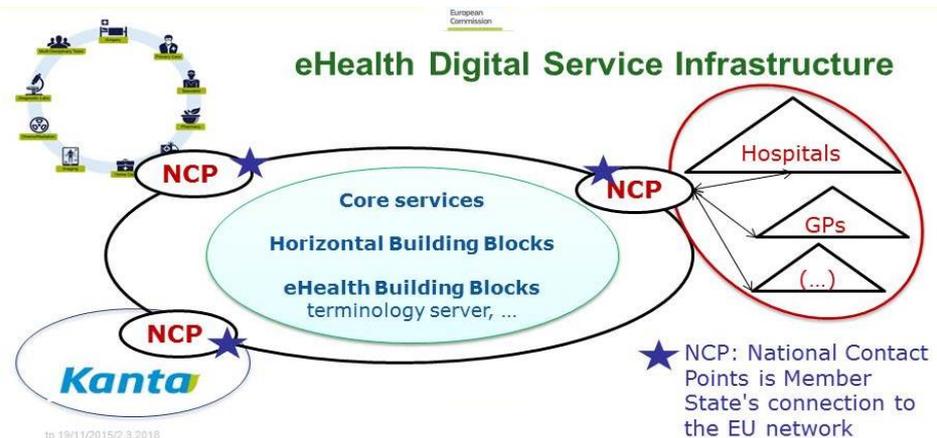


## The eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure (eHDSI) enables exchange of patient data across borders

- **Patient Summary** provides access to health professionals to verified key health data of a patient during an unplanned care encounter while abroad
- **ePrescription** enables patients to receive equivalent medication while abroad to what they would receive in their home country

# eHealth DSI builds cross-border exchange

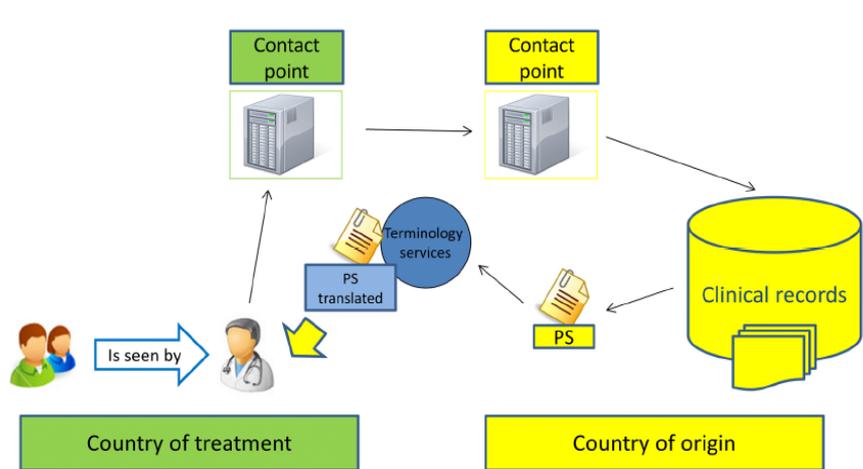
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- 2021



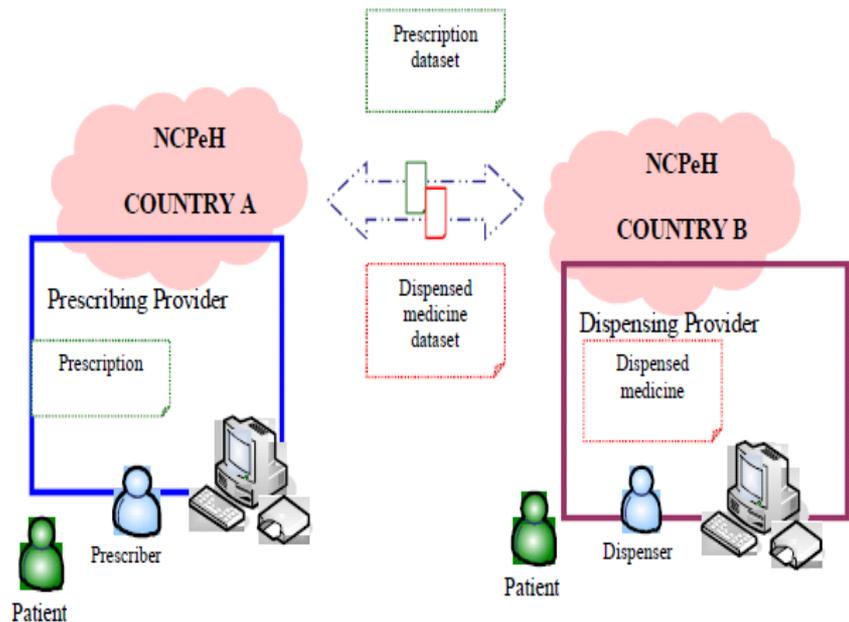
## PROPOSED EU ACTION

Clarify basis for the eHealth DSI and create new services, such as exchange of EHR

# Exchange of patient summaries and e-prescriptions



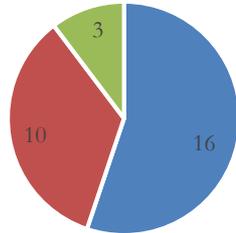
The patient feels sick and seeks healthcare in a country that is not his/her country of origin. The most frequent situation is that the health professional has no prior clinical information about that patient and it is not expected that his visit will be repeated. They will not normally have a language in common.



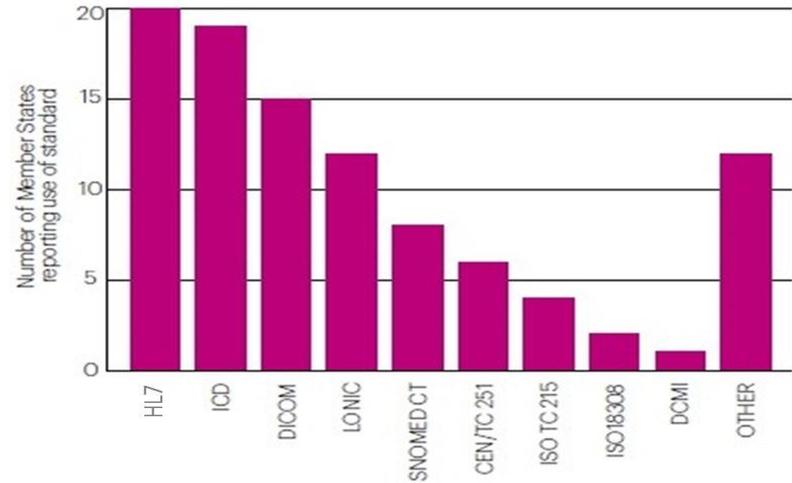


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## Single national v. multiple EHR Systems in place (N=29)



- One national EHR system
- Multiple EHR systems
- No EHR systems



### PROPOSED EU ACTION

Enable Citizen access and ability to use health data  
securely across-borders through the European electronic  
health record **exchange format**

# Review of Implementing Decision 2011/890/EU

***"In order to:***

- ***clarify the role of the eHealth Network in the governance of the eHealth digital service infrastructure and its operational requirements,***
- ***as well as to improve the interoperability of patient data and access by the citizen. "***



# Electronic Health Record Exchange Format (EHRXF)

- *Essential for interoperability of electronic health records*
- *Upcoming COM Recommendation*
  - Developed with Member States and eHealth Network
  - Governance structure within eHN to adjust EHRXF

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## Health data pooled for research and personalised medicine



- ***Pooling EU data resources, mechanism for voluntary coordination***
- ***Develop technical specifications for secure access and cross-border exchange of genomic and other health datasets***
- ***Pilot actions for rare and infectious diseases, and real world data***



# Declaration for delivering cross-border access to **genomic database**

- 1 million **genomes accessible** in the EU by 2022
- **Linking access** to existing and future genomic database across the EU
- Providing a sufficient scale for **new clinically impactful** results in research



## Global Personalised Medicine Initiatives (Genomic data)

### China

100 million  
genomes and € 7.9  
billion planned  
investment

### United States

1 million genomes  
and € 3.8 billion  
planned  
investment

**France**  
235.000  
genomes

**UK**  
100.000  
genomes

**Estonia**  
Planned  
50.000  
genomes

**Denmark**

**Finland**

PROPOSED EU  
ACTION

1 million genomes **accessible** in the EU  
by 2022 through a  
secure and trusted data infrastructure  
*privacy & security  
by design*

# Cross-Border Possibilities to Help Patients with a Rare Disease



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## The ERN

Networks of healthcare providers aiming at improving quality, and safety and access to highly specialised healthcare

Patients affected by rare or low prevalence and complex diseases

Multidisciplinary approach (different specialities/areas of knowledge)

Added value at EU level

Need of cooperation:

- Scarcity knowledge
- Need education
- Complexity / high cost
- Effectiveness in the use of resources

"The knowledge travels, not the patient"

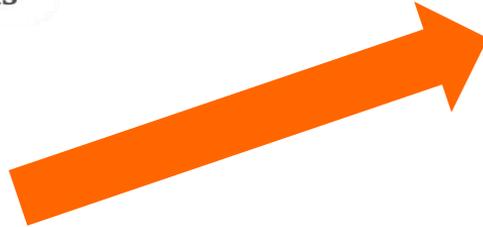
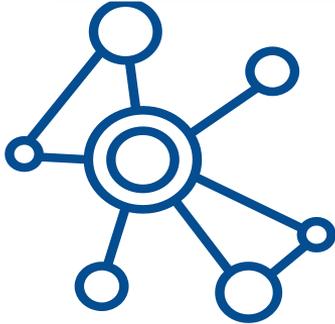


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24 Networks



European  
Reference  
Networks



> 300  
HOSPITALS

Full  
Member



> 900  
HEALTHCARE UNITS

Affiliated  
partner

26 Countries

Health

# ERN's IT Platform & tools



IT tools

CLINICAL  
Online patient  
management  
CPMS

CEF funded

Web/video conferencing , Virtual clinical meetings

Exchange of Images (Radiology), diagnostic tests & pictures (genetics, pathology etc., (PACS)

Exchange of clinical information and patient data

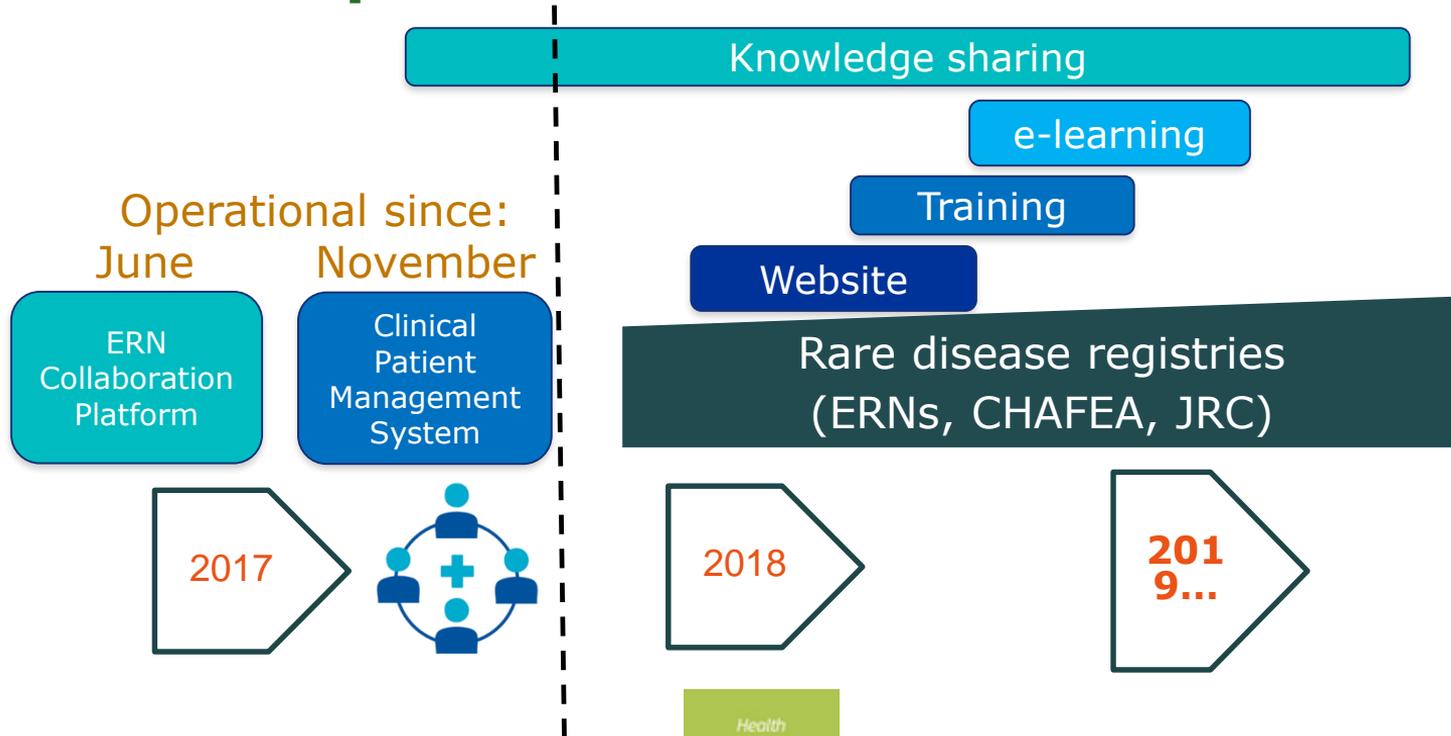


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# European Reference Network's IT Tools



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## Digital tools and data for citizen empowerment and person-centred healthcare



- ***Facilitate the wide deployment of digitally-enabled services***
- ***Promote common principles for validating and certifying health technology***
- ***Capacity building and technical assistance for health authorities***
- ***Mobilising investment to support large-scale implementation of digitally enabled, integrated, person-centred care models***

# Funding opportunities digital health 2021-2027



Digital Europe Programme  
and Connecting Europe Facility



Horizon Europe



European Social Fund +  
and European Globalisation  
Adjustment Fund



European Regional  
Development Fund



InvestEU Programme

# Funding: Digital Europe Programme

- First ever Digital Europe Programme
- Matching the Digital Single Market Strategy with robust funding to make most of new opportunities for digital transformation
- €9.2 billion for EU budget 2021-2027
- 5 specific objectives

## 5 specific objectives



Supercomputing



Artificial  
Intelligence



Cybersecurity  
and Trust



Advanced  
Digital Skills



Ensuring  
the wide use of  
digital technologies  
across the economy  
and society

2,7 bn  
EUR

2.5 bn  
EUR

2 bn  
EUR

700  
mil  
EUR

1.3 bn  
EUR



# Communication Artificial Intelligence for Europe COM(2018) 137 final

- (1) Boost EU's technology and industrial capacity and AI uptake*
- (2) Address AI's socioeconomic impact*
- (3) Ensure an appropriate ethical and legal framework*



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# Artificial Intelligence for Europe

Increase **investment**



Strengthen **R&I**



Make **data** available



Empower **people**



Nurture **talent**



Work **together**



Boost **competitiveness**



Maximise **use**



## AI for Europe how?

#DigitalSingleMarket

#AI



# Funding: Connecting Europe Facility (CEF)

Supporting development of high-performance infrastructure in  
3 areas



Transport



Energy



**DIGITAL** (*€3 billion for the EU budget 2021-2027*)

# Funding: Horizon Europe – Research & Innovation

- €94 billion for EU budget 2021-2027
- 3 objectives
- 5 clusters
  - Cluster I: Health (budget: €7.7 billion)
  - Cluster III: Digital and Industry (budget: €15 billion)
- Research missions



# EU Programmes under main responsibility for national/regional/local authorities

- ESF+ (shared management)
- European Regional Development Fund
- InvestEU Programme

# Funding: European Social Fund +

€100 billion for the European Social Fund +



## Investing in people



A new and improved European Social Fund  
*(health – under shared and direct management)*

# Funding: Regional Development and Cohesion

€242 billion for the ERDF and the Cohesion Fund for the EU budget 2021-2027

## 5 specific objectives



A smarter Europe



A more social Europe



A greener and carbon  
free Europe



A Europe closer to citizens



A more connected Europe



# Funding: InvestEU

supporting 4 different policy areas, focusing on where the EU can add the most value by providing a budget guarantee to attract private investment



**Sustainable infrastructure** (Budget €11.25 billion)



**Research, innovation & digitisation** (Budget €11.25 billion)



**Small businesses** (Budget €11.25 billion)



**Social investment & skills** (Budget €4 billion)

# Funding: European Globalisation Adjustment Fund

almost €1.6 billion for the EU budget 2021–2027



## An improved and stronger fund



To express solidarity with European workers who lost their jobs

- ➔ with broadened reasons for which Member States can apply: for instance when workers are displaced by restructuring events triggered by changing global trade patterns, automation, digitalisation, or the transition to a low-carbon economy

# *Thank you!*



***DigitalSingleMarket@DSMeu***  
***EU\_Health@EU\_Health***

DG Health and Food Safety

[http://ec.europa.eu/health/ehealth/policy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ehealth/policy/index_en.htm)

DG Connect

<http://ec.europa.eu/digital-agenda/en/eu-policy-ehealth>