



Strategic European initiatives in health information and public health in relation to the European Health Data Space (EHDS)

EU funding for health information: an opportunity (and a challenge)

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Key message 1: Public Health remains a member state level responsibility

- *The EU itself does not run national health systems; it doesn't decide on pricing or reimbursement of medicines; it doesn't run vaccination programmes*
- *The EU complements and supports national efforts/policies in those areas where the member states see added value from EU level collaboration*

Key message 2:

Even though we are in an area of subsidiarity of EU action, there is a lot happening in public health (in general) and in health information and health data (in particular) at the EU level - especially post COVID-19

Key message 3: The EU supports health policy initiatives and collaboration with funding

- New [EU4Health programme 2021-2027](#): EUR 5,1 billion (multiplication by a factor * 10)
 - Improving and fostering health in the Union to reduce the burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases
 - Protecting citizens from serious cross-border health threats
 - Improving the availability, accessibility and affordability of medicinal products and medical devices and crisis relevant products.
 - Strengthening health systems by improving their resilience and resource efficiency.

The full picture of funding

- *Circa. EUR 15 billion of spending available to support health (sector/ stakeholders)*
 - Cohesion policy (ESF and ERDF)
 - Research (Horizon Europe)
 - Digitalisation and innovation (Digital Europe, Connecting Europe Facility & InvestEU)
 - Financial sustainability (Structural reform)
 - Crisis response (Emergency Support Instrument)
 - European Recovery and Resilience facility (20% digital objectives)

EU Health information: a brief history of nearly everything (dixit Herman)

- **From ECHI to InFact (2006 – 2021)**
- **The State of Health in the EU: a big step forward/
pooling policy and information together/ a
snapshot with a brand-name**
- **The European Health Data Space: drawing on the
mass pool of health data collected in Europe**

**The need for a common strategy between the EU
and the Members States: which health data, with
what purpose?**

Key message 4: “strategy, strategy, strategy”

It is not easy

- The trap: focusing on each amount/ programme as a stand-alone opportunity
 - **Sectorial specificities should be considered but are not be the only criterion**
- The solution: strategic planning across sectors
- EU support for an integrated approach





Thankyou! Your questions?

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