

European Health Data Space

A new framework for health data in Europe

The European Health Data Space (EHDS) is a European regulation designed to make health data more accessible and usable across the European Union. It pursues two major goals:

- **Better healthcare for EU citizens**, by allowing health information to follow patients across borders.
- **More innovation and research**, by enabling the secure use of health data for scientific, public health, and policy purposes.

To achieve these goals, the EHDS relies on common data standards and interoperable digital infrastructures across Europe.



How the EHDS could affect you?

Patients

Your health information wherever you go in Europe

Receive more personalized and safer care when travelling or living abroad, as healthcare professionals can access relevant medical information when needed.



Health professionals

Better cooperation for better care

Collaborate more easily with colleagues across Europe and access relevant patient information to support clinical decision-making and continuity of care.



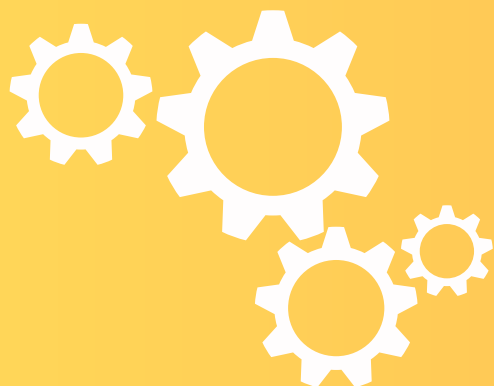
Research

Unlock the potential of health data

Access larger and more diverse datasets from across Europe, creating new opportunities for medical research, innovation, and evidence-based policymaking.



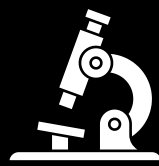
Questions to consider



- Who will be able to access my health data?
- How can I control the use of my information?
- Will digital records accurately reflect my health situation?



- How will increased digitalization affect daily practice?
- Will European standards fit local clinical needs?
- How can data quality and reliability be ensured across countries?



- Will the available data be suitable for research purposes?
- How accessible will these datasets be in practice?
- How can data quality and comparability be ensured?

What remains to be decided?

The EHDS regulation has been adopted, but many aspects of its implementation are still under discussion. The European Commission is currently developing delegated and implementing acts that will define key elements such as: data standards and formats, interoperability requirements, digital infrastructures and network architectures.

These decisions may appear highly technical, but they will shape how health data are shared, protected, and used across Europe.

The EHDS is still being built—now is the time to pay attention to how it takes shape.

