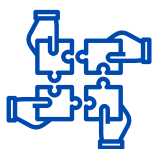


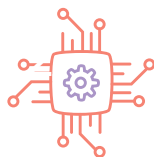
# EUREGHA position statement on the European Health Data Space (EHDS)

## KEY MESSAGES



### MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE RECOGNISING THE ROLE OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Recognizing the **important role of regional and local health authorities** in a context of multilevel governance will be essential for the implementation of the EHDS, including in relation to the EHDS Board and within the framework of broader stronger stakeholders' inclusion.



### INTEROPERABILITY, HARMONISATION AND BUILDING ON BEST PRACTICES

The EHDS success will rely on successfully tackling technical **interoperability** issues, common **standards**, improving **harmonisation** of existing and upcoming legislative frameworks, and taking into consideration existing best practices and initiatives at regional and local level.



### THE EHDS BETWEEN DATA PROTECTION, ACCESS, AND CONTROL

The EHDS should thus be built on **privacy and security by design**. It will be important to find a **correct equilibrium** between protecting citizens' privacy on one hand, as well as giving them the adequate tools that will allow them to participate in their care and providing quality healthcare on the other hand, thus enabling the attainment of the ambitious EHDS objectives. **Data quality** should also be ensured.



### COST ASSESSMENT AND ADEQUATE RESOURCES ALLOCATION

To better reflect the **resources** needed by regional and local administrations to drive implementation, EUREGHA advocates for increased **funding, synergies** with already existing funds and initiatives. and an accurate **preparedness** and **cost assessment** of the national framework the authorities operate in.



### PEOPLE AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT FOR A SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION

Regional and local health authorities will be key in the 'social implementation' of the EHDS, including ensuring that **vulnerable groups are not neglected**, for instance through targeted digital health literacy development. Equal attention should be granted to the development of **digital skills for the health workforce** and **showcasing the impact of health data** usage on research, innovation and policy-making.



### COLLABORATION WITH NEIGHBOURING THIRD COUNTRIES AND REGIONS

EUREGHA highlights the importance for regional and local health authorities outside of the EU to engage with the EHDS, for instance to **ensure that research and data exchange between neighbouring regions** will not be negatively affected or to avoid disruption of existing collaboration and projects with EU neighbouring regions.

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