



eHealth

The **EU4Digital initiative** aims to extend the European Union efforts to develop harmonised and interoperable eHealth services, in Eastern partner countries, and within the EU.

The **EU4Digital eHealth** team activities include:

- ✓ Develop common harmonisation and interoperability guidelines and standards for the EaP region.
- ✓ Cross-border eHealth platform.
- ✓ Involve the EaP region in relevant EU programmes, projects and initiatives.

The World Health Organisation defines **eHealth** as “**the use of information and communication technologies (ICT) for health**”. eHealth introduces new ways of providing health-care services by easing collaboration between different institutions and allowing the sharing of crucial information, enabling better, more efficient health care for patients.



Harmonisation and interoperability

Assess state of eHealth infrastructure in partner countries.



Support **harmonisation of health information** exchange with the EU best practices and standards.



Ensure **interoperability** across organisations, stakeholders and borders, allowing **seamless care for patients**.



Cross-border eHealth platform

New channel for **regional collaboration** between eHealth experts in Eastern partner countries.



Platform will **facilitate knowledge sharing**, helping to optimise reforms by highlighting challenges, sharing best practices and finding solutions together with the neighbouring countries.



EU programmes and initiatives

Facilitate participation in the **European Innovation Partnership on Active and Healthy Ageing (EIP on AHA)**, - a platform that connects a **network** of Reference Sites and contains a repository of good practices among other collaboration opportunities.



Anyone can participate - from individuals to organisations, public bodies and private sector, research-oriented institutions and social organisations.

eHealth facts:



The concept of eHealth supports the idea of introducing **effective communications** between different healthcare environments via electronic means.



Patient Summary and **ePrescription** are the two well-known eHealth services supported by the **EU4Digital** initiative.



Cross-border eHealth infrastructure ensures the continuity of care for Eastern partnership citizens while they are travelling abroad in the Eastern partner countries.



The **cross-border Patient Summary** service will help healthcare providers to better understand the patient's medical history, especially when the health professional and patient do not share the same language.



Sharing information on COVID-19

During the coronavirus crisis, the EU4Digital **eHealth Network** brought partners together to address responses to the COVID-19 outbreak. An **online workshop** was an opportunity for the EU4Digital eHealth team to share insights into global eHealth

responses to the pandemic, while a **virtual meeting** between EC and Eastern partners was an opportunity for information sharing on best practices specifically COVID-19 data collection, for tracking infection rates.

