



European Health Data Space

Digital health in Germany's Presidency

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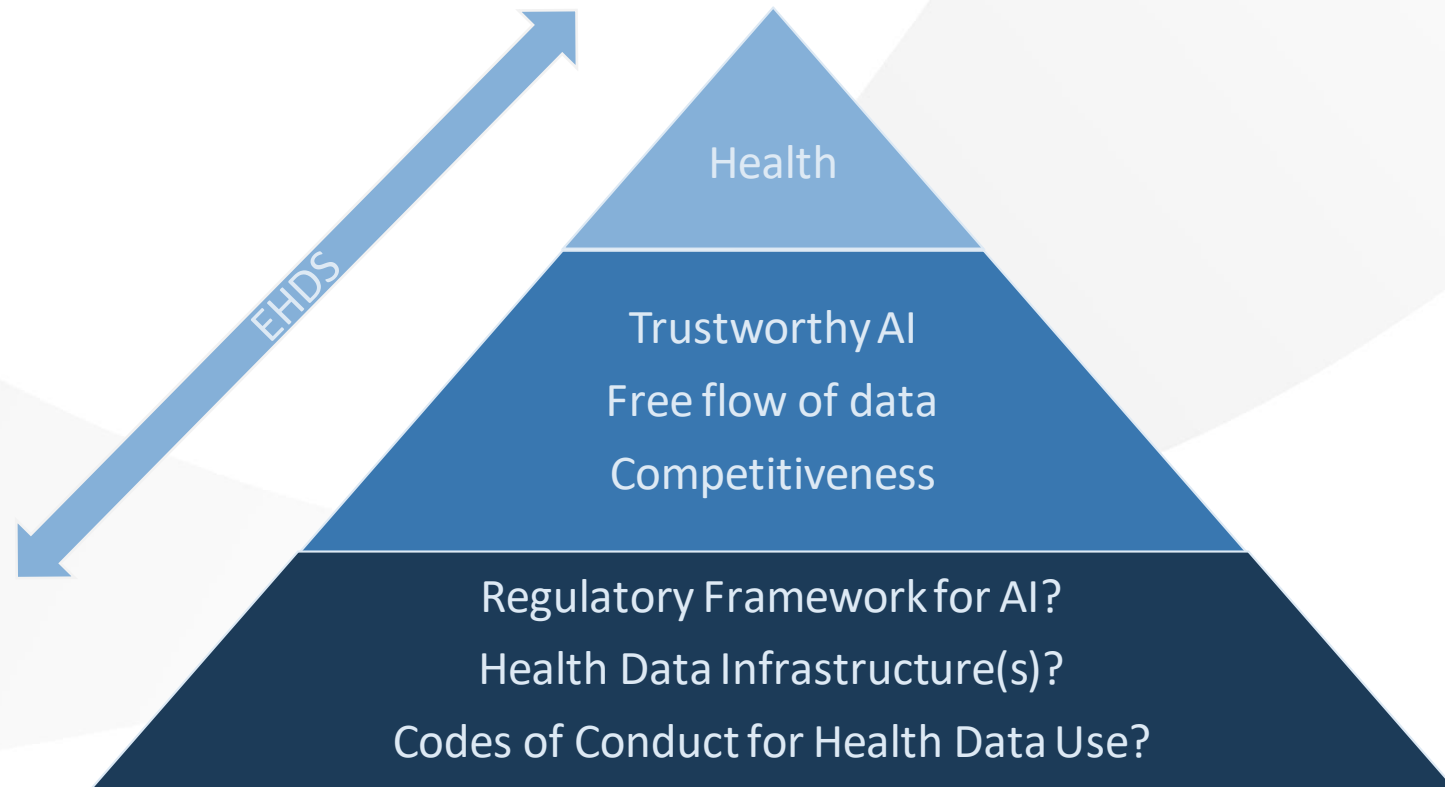
Agenda

- Looking back - the road to the EHDS
- Building political momentum - actions within Germany's Presidency
- Moving forward – Joint Action and Code(s) of Conduct

Roadblocks to secondary data use in the EU

- No real free flow of health data
 - Highlighted by COVID-19 pandemic
- GDPR-regime too complex for researchers
 - Different legal layers (EU, federal, state)
 - GDPR vs. sectorial health law
- Lack of consensus in the MS on e.g.
 - Scope of national derogations
 - Definition of anonymisation / pseudonymisation, primary / secondary use of data
 - Legal base for data collection for scientific research purposes
 - Rights of data subjects
 - Technical and organizational measures
 - Semantics and data quality

A strategic approach to the European Health Data Space



Mapping GDPR implementation in the health sector

- EUHealthSupport study “Assessing the Member States’ rules on health data in light of the GDPR”
 - Assess MS rules on processing of health data for
 - provision of health and social care
 - public health purposes
 - research
 - Identify possible areas for European action
- Workshops with experts, MS, data protection supervisory authorities and stakeholders
- Final report to be presented in Fall 2020

German Presidency committed to take the EHDS forward

- Learn from the mapping study
- Discuss at ministerial level
 - Information point at Informal Meeting of Health Ministers, 16 July 2020
 - Preliminary results of EUHealthSupport Study presented
- Explore cross-border data access and exchange
 - High Level Conference “Digital Health 2020 – EU on the Move”, 11 November 2020
- Reflect proposed actions together with other MS
 - Political debate on technical level (Public Health WP)
 - Consideration in potential Council conclusions
- Prepare Joint Action on the EHDS

➤ **Build political momentum for the EHDS**

Joint Action – Towards the European Health Data Space (TEHDAS)

- Four main pillars:
 - Governance
 - Quality of data
 - Infrastructure
 - Capacity building for MS
- 22 MS and MDA, NOR, SRB, GBR involved
- Align with ongoing initiatives, e.g. eHN, GAIA-X, CoC
- Start: Q1 2021

Code(s) of Conduct

- Tailored Codes of Conduct for specific categories of data processors and processing situations needed (acc. article 40 GDPR)
- Provide legal clarity and guidance
- Could be applied where EU legislative action is less feasible

Cooperation between MS

- Reduce differences in the interpretation and implementation of the GDPR by exchanging best practices
- Enhance data quality and make data findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable (FAIR)
- Foster use cases of health data spaces for specific research topics

Thanks a lot!

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