



European Health Data Space

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EHDS in a Nutshell – what is it about?

Regulation (EU) 2025/327

1. Primary use = use of data for the delivery of healthcare
 - Improving patients' access to their health data;
 - Ensuring seamless exchanges for continuity of healthcare.
2. Secondary use = use of data for research and public interest purposes
 - Making data available for research, policy-making etc. in a safe and secure way.
3. Requirements for electronic health record (EHR) systems
 - Creating a single market for electronic health records systems, supporting both primary and secondary use.



EHDS in a Nutshell – Primary Use

How?

- Strengthening patients' rights on defined categories of their own data;
- Patient- and health professional-facing services to access data;
- Building on existing voluntary MyHealth@EU infrastructure, not touching upon national rules on provision of care / management of healthcare systems.



Benefits – who and what for?

For patients

- Quick, easy, and free of charge access to their own electronic health data in the priority categories.
- Easy sharing of data with health professionals, including cross-border.
- Easy ways to to add data, restrict access, see who accessed data, ask for rectification of errors.

For health professionals

- Easier and quicker access to their patients' data, including cross-border.
- European electronic health record exchange format will facilitate data sharing across systems by increasing interoperability.



Priority categories

Group 1

- Patient summaries
- Electronic prescriptions
- Electronic dispensations



Detailed specifications for the European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format (EEHRxF) including medical terminology is being defined through a Joint Action project.

Group 2

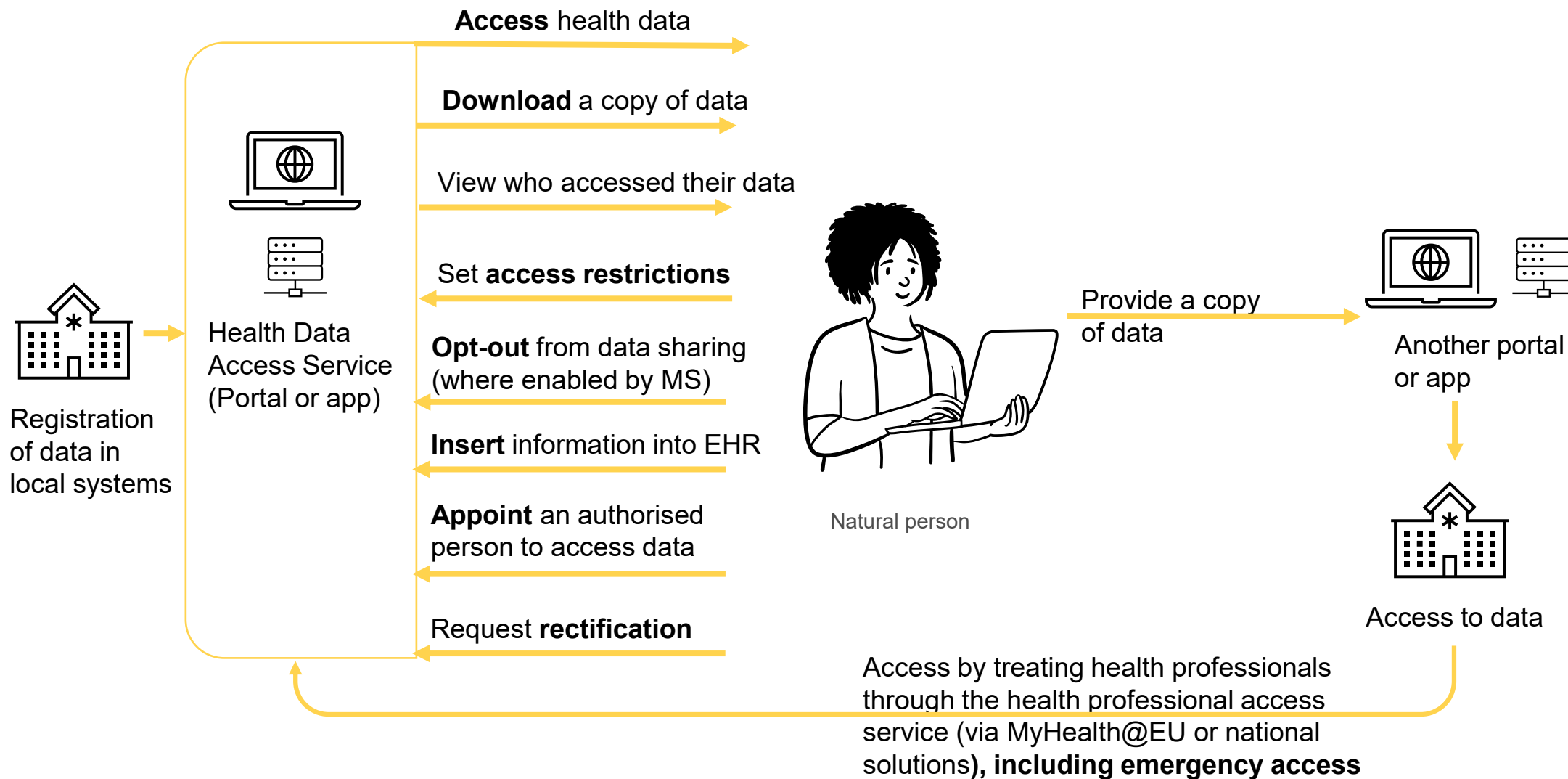
- Medical imaging studies and related imaging reports
- Medical test results, including laboratory test and related reports
- Discharge reports

Access services

- Patient-facing
 - MS to establish one or more (their choice depending on organisation of healthcare system);
 - Agnostic regarding centralised or decentralised storage;
 - Interoperable among MS (COM to provide technical specs).
- Health professional-facing
 - Access to priority categories of patients *under their treatment*;
 - Authentication: Art. 6 eIDAS-recognised or other electronic identification that meet Art. 36 common specs



Rights of natural persons in primary use



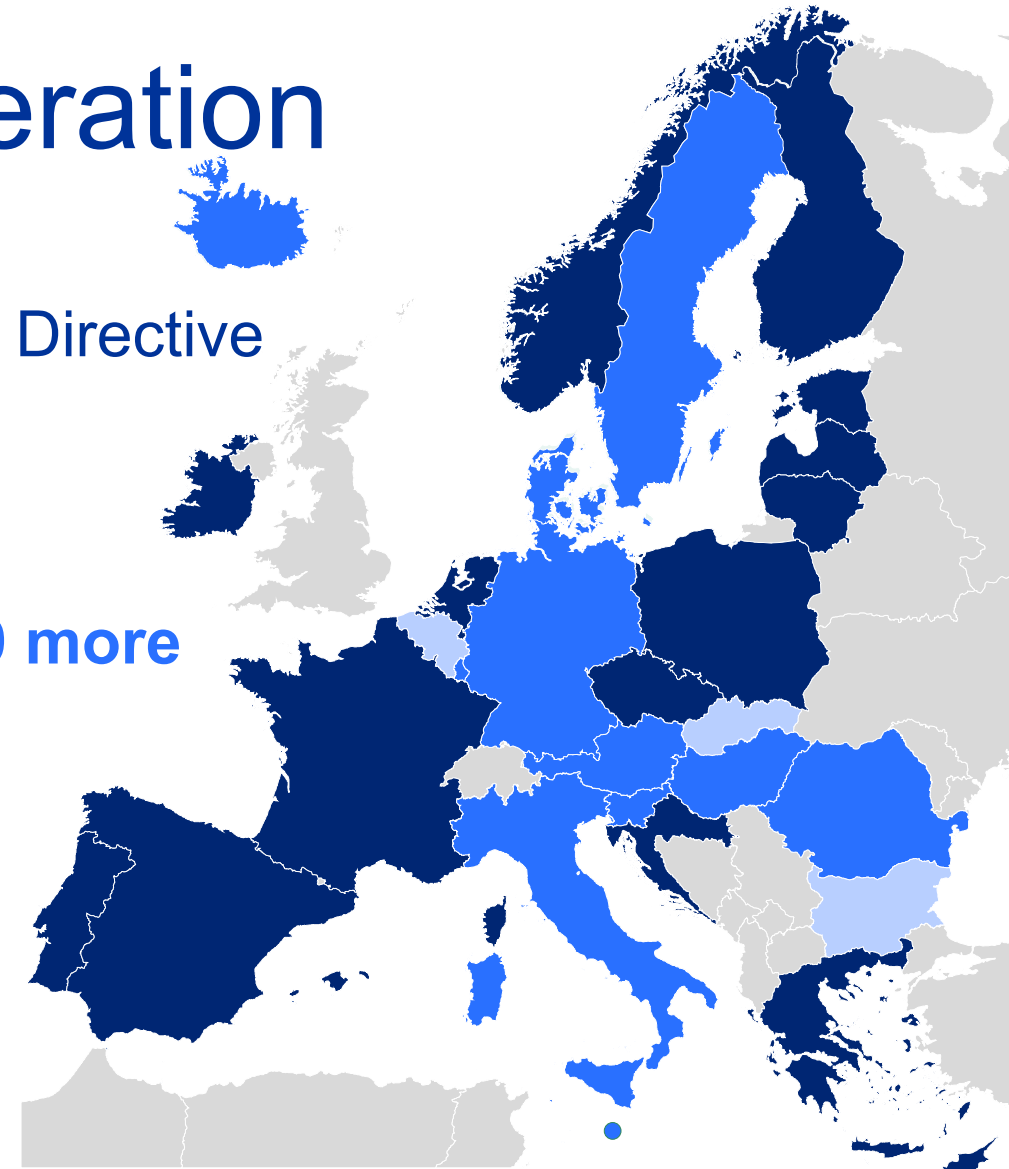
Building on existing cooperation

MyHealth@EU under Cross-border Healthcare Directive

- Voluntary system for exchanging patient summaries, prescriptions and dispensations (= first group of priority categories)
- **17 countries** live with at least one service, **9 more** expected to go live with first service(s) soon.

Evolution of MyHealth@EU for the EHDS

- Voluntary => mandatory
- New services
- New data categories



EHDS in a Nutshell – Secondary Use

How?

- Common European rules on who has to make which data available for which purposes and under which conditions
- Common infrastructure
- Health Data Access bodies as orchestrators
- Permits for data use, common safeguards
- Data catalogues of available datasets
- Exception for micro-enterprises: no obligation to make data available



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IMPROVE & FOSTER HEALTH



- Health promotion and disease prevention; cancer
- International health initiatives & cooperation

PROTECT PEOPLE



- Prevention, preparedness & response to cross-border health threats
- Complementing national stockpiling of essential crisis-relevant products
- Establishing a reserve of medical, healthcare & support staff

ACCESS TO MEDICINAL PRODUCTS & MEDICAL DEVICES



- Enhancement of availability, accessibility & affordability of medicinal products, medical devices and crisis-relevant products

STRENGTHEN HEALTH SYSTEMS



- Strengthening health data, digital tools & services, digital transformation of healthcare
- Enhancing access to healthcare
- Developing and implementing EU health legislation and evidence-based decision making
- Integrated work among MS health systems



Thank you

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