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EU initiatives on eID and eHealth





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Digital ID in Health – where needed?

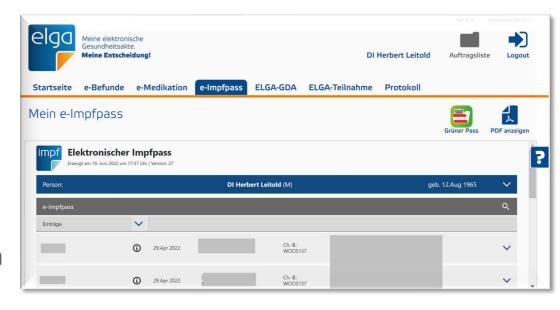
Online

- > Patient access to portals, electronic health records
- > Health Care Provider access and data provision
- Offline / Presence
 - > Patient at point of care
- > Backoffice
 - > E.g., combine episodes with clearance in hospital information systems
 - > uses identifiers and attributes provided with no patient interaction



Online Example Austria: ELGA

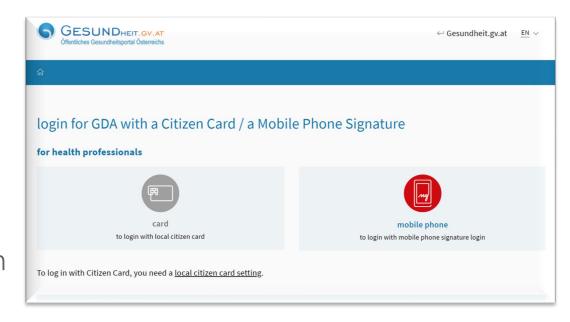
- Introduced 2015
 - > Patient summary
 - Electronic vaccination card
- > Patient access with eID
 - on her own behalf, or
 - including representation by others!





Online Example Austria: HCP Access

- › Authenticate using
 - > National eID
 - HCP registry provides professional role
- E.g. used to upload
 Covid test results
 - > ... which a citizen then can gets her/his eID





Offline example Austria: e-card

- > Introduced in 2005
 - > Issued to each citizen
 - Issued by the Austrian social security system
- Basis for
 - getting care (accounting)
 - ePrescription
 - EHIC





Recent success: EU DCC

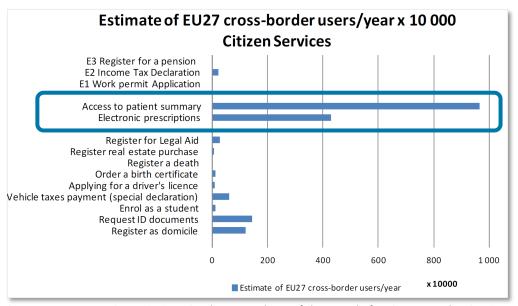
- Introduced under the pandemic's time constraints
- > High-volume
 - > Boosted national eID
- > Privacy at verification





The challenge: Cross-border

- Health is a national competence
 - Some exceptions like Directive 2011/24/EU
- But health care is also a citizens' concern, irrespective any borders



Source: European Commission, Study on Analysis of the Needs for Cross-Border Services and Assessment of the Organisational, Legal, Technical and Semantic Barriers, 2013 (!)



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Started with Large Scale Pilots

- > ePSOS (2008-2014)
 - Prescription and patient summary
- > STORK (2008-2011)
 - Liaison with ePSOS to discuss eID
- > STORK 2.0 (2012-2015)
 - > eHealth was one eID pilot
- eSENS (2013-2017)
 - > Building block consolidation









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eHealth Governance

> eHealth Network

- > Established under patients' rights in cross-border healthcare Directive
- > National health authorities collaborate and issue guidelines to reap benefits of European eHealth systems and interoperable applications

> Technical IOP Subgroup

- > Assists the eHN on interoperability aspects and gives policy advice
- Inter alia responsible for the architecture and technical specifications of the EU Digital COVID Certificate
- Also works on electronic identity



MyHealth@EU

MyHealth@EU is the existing infrastructure existing infrastructure that connects healthcare providers in Member States. It allows them to exchange health data such as Patient Summaries and ePrescription.

To be extended by lab results, image reports, discharge reports.

Source and gratitude to European Commission, DG SANTE.



Some common goals of MyHealth@EU



To support continuity of care when people exercise their right of freedom of movement



To provide appropriate and usable tools to health professionals and to patients



To ensure data protection and security



To ensure stability and further development of services, and make people aware of them

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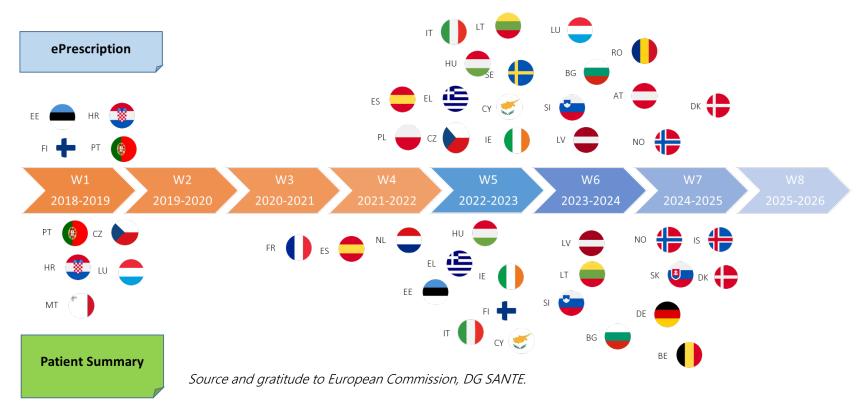
Current HCP coverage in MS

MS	Hospitals	Pharmacies	Other POC
CZ	15%		
EE		100%	
ES	10%		13%
FI		100%	
FR	100%	100%	100%
HR	100%	100%	100%
LU	100%		
MT	94%		
NL	1,7%		
PT	7,5%	0.03%	

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Approximate timeline subject to change

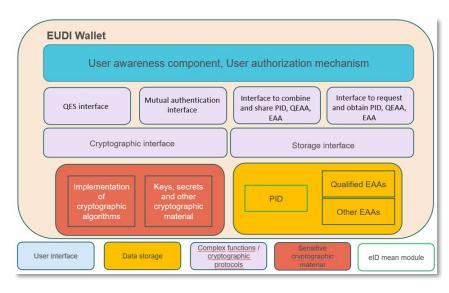




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European Digital Identity Framework

- > Proposed under eIDAS Revision
- > EUDI Wallet to be issued by MS
- Toolbox process to define the technical basis by fall 2022
- > eHealth is one of the use cases that define requirements
- Large Scale Pilots to validate Source: Framew the Architecture Reference Framework



Source: European Digital Identity Architecture and Reference Framework, Outline, February 2022



How can the EUDI Wallet serve eHealth?

- MyHealth@EU provides a service infrastructure in production
- > Still some practical issues, e.g. with ePrescription
 - Manual entry of patient identifiers at the pharmacy
 - > Time-consuming, error-prone and different identifiers in MS
- > EUDI Wallet can provide authentic person-identification data
 - > Complements the ongoing efforts by digital identity



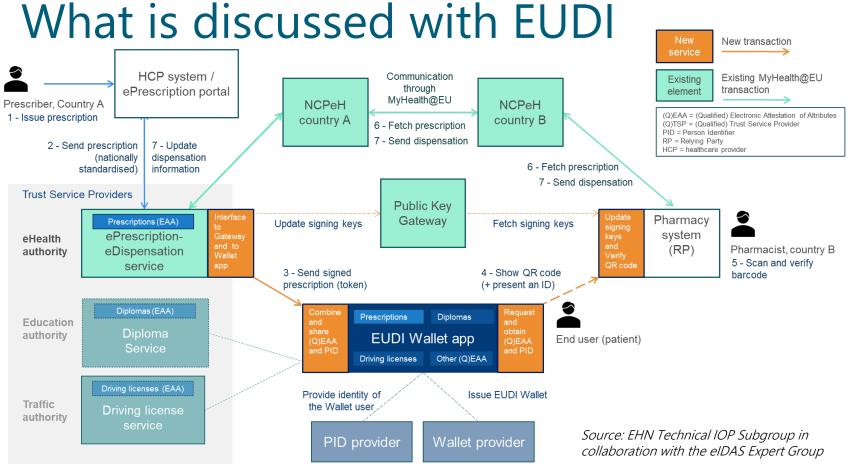
Patient Identification today

- > HCP needs to know what ID is needed by the home-country
 - May also need a prescription Id and dispensation PIN











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Summary

- > eID in eHealth common practice in many MS
- > eHealth, however, has a cross-border dimension
- MyHealth@EU provides a sound service infrastructure
- > The EUDI Wallet can bridge a gap
 - > interoperable online authentication
 - offline identification data provision (cf. ePrescription)
- Large Scale Pilots on the horizon to validate the concepts



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