

A Step Forward

to Remove the existing Barriers to

Cross-border Telehealth in the EU

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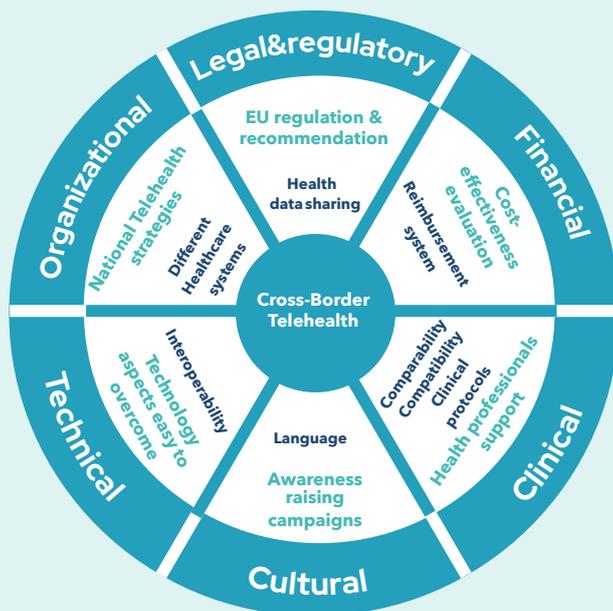


Dear Participant,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the workshop **“A Step Forward to Remove the Existing Barriers to Cross-border Telehealth in the EU”**, the final of a two series event organized within the scope of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

This workshop aims to set in motion a shift towards overcoming the existing barriers to cross-border telehealth in order to promote safe and high-quality services to citizens and health professionals in the EU.

To achieve this purpose, the barriers and enablers identified in the 1st workshop need to be addressed (see figure below):



How can we remove the existing Barriers to Cross-border Telehealth in the EU?

How can we leverage the benefits of Cross-border Telehealth to Citizens in the EU?

In this regard, several experts will present their views and a discussion panel will follow, where the audience is invited to contribute with solutions to overcome:

Legal & regulatory | Organization & Financial | Technical | Clinical & Cultural

Barriers to Cross-Border Telehealth

Exact Date and Time

Friday, 14th May 2021 at 14h CEST

Location Details

The link for the virtual room

<https://zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tJwtfuiuzqMvEtab6KUExYzL3W75I8MlutX->

Duration of the Event

Afternoon session, 14h00 - 16:40 CEST

Looking forward to meeting you!

13:45

Arrival and connectivity testing

14:00

Welcome

Luís Goes Pinheiro

President of the Board of Directors of the Shared Services of the Ministry of Health, SPMS

14:15

Telehealth in the EU

The Changing Paradigm of Telehealth: HIMSS Research of European Trends

Angela Velkova

Director of Communities and Strategic Relations, EMEA, HIMSS

14:25

Legal & Regulatory | Learnings from existing practices

Medical liability and standard of care in telemedicine

Vera Raposo

Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of Macau University

[Panel discussion](#)

How can Member States cooperate towards harmonization?

Petra Wilson

European Program Director, Personal Connected Health Alliance

Irene Schlünder

Technology, Methods, and Infrastructure for Networked Medical Research, Germany

Mary Kirwan

Ethics lecturer, Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland

TBC

Representative of Digital Health Agency (ANS), France

14:55

Organisational & Financial | National and Cross-Border Approaches

Support and Management System for Patient Mobility Requesting Medical Assistance Abroad

Joana Barracosa

Project Manager, Resource Management System Unit, SPMS

[Panel discussion](#)

How can Member States foster convivial environments?

Frederick Lievens

Vice Executive Director of the International Society for Telemedicine & eHealth (ISfTeH)

Annemieke Ålenius

Deputy Director General, Swedish eHealth Agency

Luis Gonçalves

Founder and Honorary President of Iberian Telemedicine and Telehealth Society (SITT)

15:25

Coffee Break

15:35

Technical | Promoting Interoperable Solutions

Will telehealth policies persist after COVID-19? an HL7 standards viewpoint

Catherine Chronaki

Secretary General, HL7 Europe

[Panel discussion](#)

How can Member States be encouraged to implement interoperable solutions?

Catherine Chronaki

Secretary General, HL7 Europe

Nicole Denjoy

Secretary General, COCIR

Vincent van Pelt

Senior advisor, Nictiz

16:05

Clinical & Cultural | Ensuring citizens and professional trust in telehealth

Telemedicine applications in clinical practice

Kristina Groth

Responsible for the Innovation Program Healthcare at a Distance Centre for Innovation, Karolinska University Hospital

[Panel discussion](#)

How can Member States foster telehealth awareness?

Kristina Groth

Responsible for the Innovation Program Healthcare at a Distance Centre for Innovation, Karolinska University Hospital

Ana Carriazo

Senior advisor at the Regional Ministry of Health and Families of Andalusia

Rafael Franco

National Telehealth Centre, Shared Services of the Ministry of Health, SPMS

16:35

Closing remarks

About the Cross-Border Telehealth Initiative

A Step Forward to Remove the existing Barriers to Cross-border Telehealth in the EU

The Portuguese Presidency believes that this is the momentum to address the existing barriers hampering cross-border telehealth in an inclusive and transparent manner, so that Member States can leverage from the potential of telehealth to build a stronger and dynamic digital health ecosystem that ultimately benefits citizens across EU.

Building upon the outcome of the 1st workshop (19th March), in which participants were challenged to identify relevant barriers and enablers to cross-border telehealth, it was concluded that important steps are already underway, thus there is a good basis to create joint cross-border solutions to overcome existing barriers.

On this basis, the 2nd workshop intends to promote a creative environment where the participants are challenged to share good practices and innovative solutions so to take a step forward to remove the existing Barriers to Cross-border Telehealth in the EU.

Objectives

This 2nd and final workshop aims to foster a cooperative environment where the participants can share their views and solutions to remove the existing barriers to cross-border telehealth. In doing so, this workshop will provide a platform to discuss creative and innovative solutions, as well as share good practices, to set in motion a shift towards overcoming existing challenges.

The objective of this workshop is to support a Policy Statement on EU Digital Transformation in Healthcare and the removal of existing barriers to cross-border telehealth, which will be presented to the EPSCO Council and the eHealth Network in June 2021.

Scope and Methodology

This virtual workshop is organized in four main sessions (i) Legal & Regulatory, (ii) Organizational & Financial, (iii) Technical, and (iv) Clinical & Cultural to create a collaborative platform so that the eHealth community and relevant experts can discuss in a cooperative manner the challenges and enablers to telehealth at the cross-border level.

Expected Outcomes

From a comprehensive discussion on the key barriers and enablers identified in the 1st workshop, the discussion promoted in the 2nd workshop will shed the light on how barriers can be removed. The results obtained in this event will be considered for the Policy Statement and the Non-Paper developed within the scope of the Digital Health Initiative of the Portuguese Presidency.

Addressees

- eHealth Health Advisors and Experts
- eHealth National / Regional Representatives
- eHealth Network Representatives
- Telehealth Competent Authorities
- Telehealth Experts

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