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Session I.a eHEALTH FOR INDIVIDUALS

eHealth and cross-border healthcare

-> session about benefits and challenges of cross-border healthcare provision and about what eHealth can do to foster it

Technical steps forward...

- Cross-border healthcare is facilitated by EHIC, but problems remain.
- EESSI project (DG SANCO) as an answer: International IT-solution for the exchange of around 60 standardised electronic documents relating to health insurance coverage („e-EHIC”), enables online insurance verification abroad either by healthcare provider or by a local authority
- Builds on existing EU-projects like NETC@RDS
- Schedule: technical specifications of e-EHIC in 2009, new Regulation 883/04 from 1/3/2010 (legal base), transitional period 2010-2012, fully operational 2012
- Also offers a possible infrastructure for eHealth projects.
- Complements interoperability efforts like epSOS (DG INFSO)

Session I.b eHEALTH FOR INDIVIDUALS

Communicating eHealth benefits to citizens

-> Session that summarized Best Practice examples of ICT tools for the benefit of EU citizens

Access to reliable information

- Health-EU: Public Health Portal of the European Union
- URL: <http://ec.europa.eu/health-eu/>, launched in 2006
- Provides trustworthy information on public health in 20 languages
- “most multilingual health portal in the world” (Tuuli-Maria Mattila)
- Directed at public health experts and citizens
- New developments include a multilingual newsletter, a collection of public health videos from Member States, and live webstreaming
- Launch in Bulgaria and Romania this year

Challenges: Main user group is experts (200.000 page hits/month).
There is a need to think about how to better reach citizens as well.



Improve diagnosis and research

- Orphanet: A portal for rare diseases (RD)
- Brings together patients and care providers for diseases that are too rare to be properly represented in non-digital healthcare systems
- Provides information for citizens and healthcare providers alike: online directories of experts, facilities and patient organisations; online encyclopedia; newsletter every fortnight
- Provides ICT tools for the benefit of patients: Diagnostic tool to search diseases by signs, recommendations for best practice in the care of RD patients
- Challenges: Funding needs to be secured (budget 2mn€/a)



Improve information flow to raise quality of care

- National eHealth portals and communication infrastructures: The Danish experience
- Established National Healthcare Net in 1994 and added Sundhed.dk as an information portal and access point for personal health information in 2002
- 90% of all prescriptions are done electronically, 100% of all pharmacies work with electronic prescription data, 4.1mn messages are sent annually via the communication network, an equivalent of 70-90% of all medical documents
- High interest of patients in accessing their personal health data, using a software-based digital signature
- „Citizens are far more interested in accessing personal data than health care professionals“ (Henrik Bjerregard Jensen)



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Telemedicine initiative – recent developments

-> Session covered challenges and chances of telemedicine from different perspectives (EC, doctors, MedTech, platform provider)

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