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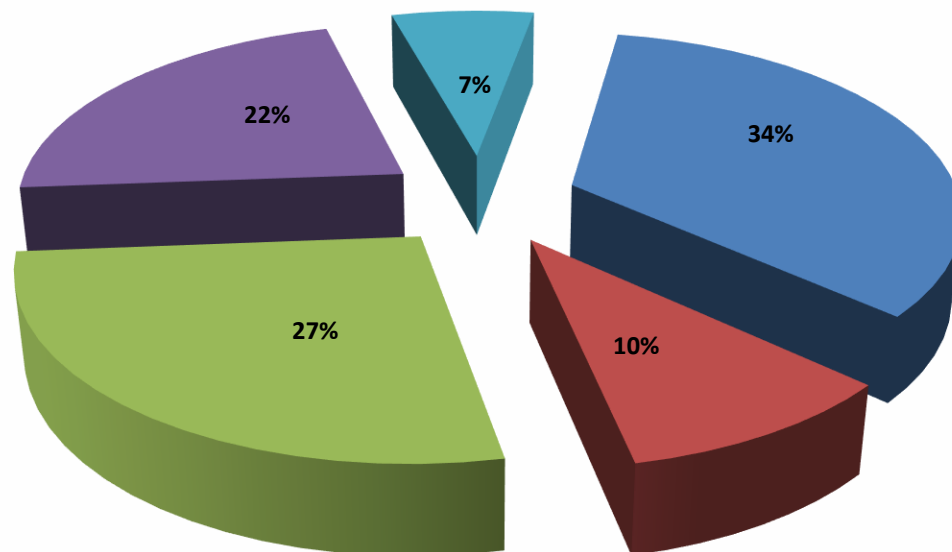
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## Objective 3: Contributing to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems

Budget allocation by objective 2014 - 2018



- 1. Promoting health and preventing diseases and foster supportive environments for healthy lifestyle
- 2. Protecting Union citizens from cross-border health threats
- 3. Contributing to innovative, efficient and sustainable health systems
- 4. Facilitating access to better and safer healthcare for Union citizens
- Horizontal actions



## Main activities per thematic priorities

**EU Funding:  
€ 75 m**

eHACTION – Joint Action to support  
eHealth Network € 2.7 m

EU JAMS – Joint Action on Market  
Surveillance of medical devices  
€ 0.8 m

EUNETHTA- Joint action on Health  
Technology Assessment  
€ 11.9 m

SEPEN – Action on health workforce  
€ 0.8 m

State of Health in the EU / PARIS  
€ 4,8 m

Data 2014 - 2018

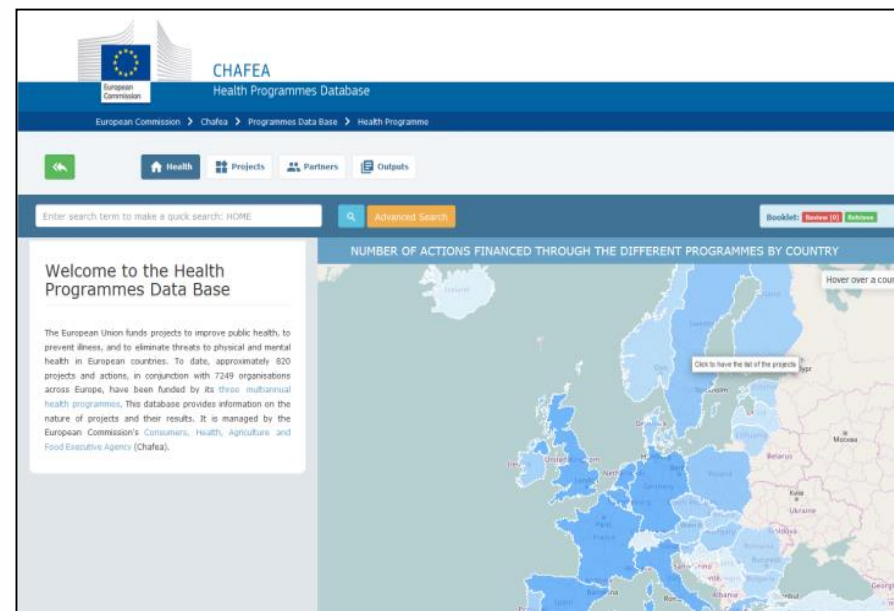


## Useful links

**European Commission Directorate-  
General for Health and Food Safety  
(SANTE) website**  
**[https://ec.europa.eu/health/home\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/health/home_en)**

**Chafea Website**  
**[https://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/index\\_en.htm](https://ec.europa.eu/chafea/health/index_en.htm)**

**Chafea Project Database (2003-2019):**  
**[https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/chafea\\_pdb/health/](https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/chafea_pdb/health/)**







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State of Health



# Gaetan Lafortune

OECD



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Gaetan LAFORTUNE, Senior Economist, Health Division, OECD

*State of Health in the EU*





# The four complementary steps of the *State of Health in the EU* cycle







***Health at a Glance: Europe*** is the quantitative starting point of the cycle

1. THEMATIC CHAPTERS

2. HEALTH STATUS

3. RISK FACTORS

4. HEALTH EXPENDITURE

5. EFFECTIVENESS/QUALITY

6. ACCESSIBILITY

7. RESILIENCE



**Country Health Profiles** are becoming a staple of knowledge about health and health systems in each country

1. HIGHLIGHTS

2. HEALTH STATUS

3. RISK FACTORS

4. DESCRIPTION OF HEALTH SYSTEM

5. ASSESSMENT OF THE HEALTH SYSTEM

5.1. EFFECTIVENESS/QUALITY

5.2. ACCESSIBILITY

5.3. RESILIENCE

6. KEY FINDINGS



# Voluntary exchanges for greater impact

Country	Theme	Date and Place
<b>Austria</b>	Raising the attractiveness of primary care in Austria and associated workforce planning.	29 May 2018, Vienna
<b>Cyprus</b>	Improving payment systems for family doctors and specialists	26 Sept. 2018, Nicosia
<b>Finland</b>	Better use of better health data (for national governance of regional health administrations)	3–4 May 2018, Helsinki
<b>Italy</b>	Discussing Sustainability of health financing in Italy	25 June 2018, Rome
<b>Netherlands</b>	Health data governance (including discussions on patient-reported outcomes measures/PROMs)	11-12 June 2018, The Hague
<b>Poland</b>	Addressing health workforce shortages through optimising the roles of health professionals and effective retention and innovation policies	8 May 2018, Warsaw
<b>Sweden</b>	Re-mobilising key actors in health system on prevention and health promotion goals	5 June 2018, Stockholm

## *What's Next?*



- Country Health Profiles: Launch event in Brussels and national events in several countries
- Voluntary exchanges: Plan to organise 5-10 events with interested countries to maximise impact



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eHealth





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### eHealth



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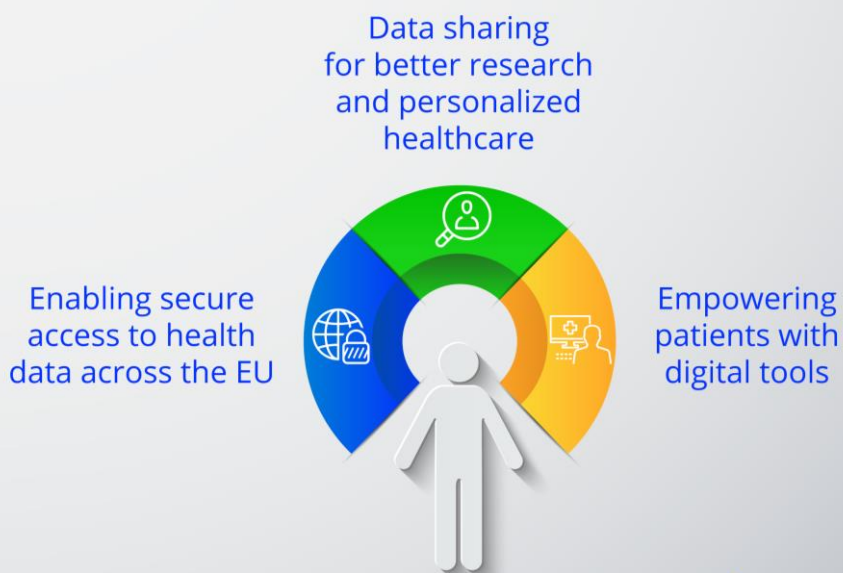
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## ***eHAction: content and objective***

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### **Citizens at the centre of health care**



**get involved!**



- **People**
- **Innovation**
- **Continuity of Care**



## ***eHAction: ongoing deliverables***

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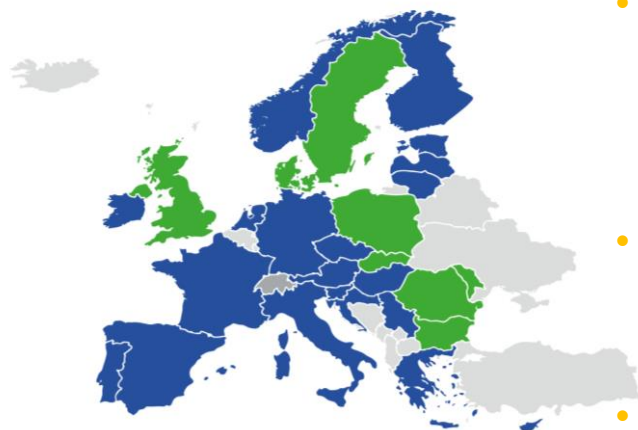
- *Dissemination and stakeholders engagement strategy* Jan 2019 *For info*
- *Data and Systems Security* Feb 2019 *For adoption*
- *Roadmap on future eHDSI use cases and features* May 2019 *For adoption*
- *Report on best practices on data protection* July 2019 *Draft*
- *Report on cross-border use cases* Nov 2019 *For info*
- *Draft National eHealth strategies* Nov 2019 *For info*
- *Common Semantic Strategy for Health in the EU* Nov 2019 *For adoption*
- *eHDSI legal report* Nov 2019 *For info*



## *eHAction uptake and follow-up (ongoing/future)*

Currently the project is in month 16 (of 36). eHAction WP promote workshops to present and discuss deliverables with stakeholders, for eHealth Network approval.

- WP4 Workshop joined members from 20 European entities, focusing on *People Empowerment* its framework aims at the implementation of patient-centered eHealth solutions in all MS;
- D.6.1 *Roadmap on future eHDSI use cases and features* received feedback from 11 parties, aiming the commitment on sustainable usage of NCPeH among MS and other countries;
- Task 6.3 *e-Skills for Professionals* is running a pilot in Ireland, Portugal, Cyprus, Serbia and Hungary aiming to ensure the eSkills necessary for the implementation of European eHealth strategies and cross-border healthcare services;



● ACTIVE COUNTRIES  
● COUNTRIES AS COLLABORATIVE STAKEHOLDER



## ***eHAction expected benefits for EU citizens***

### eHAction **Priority Areas**



get involved!



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Improve HP eSkills and tools for better cross-border care;

Empower Citizens giving them access to their own Health Data (through mHealth/health apps), while increasing eHealth Literacy;

Improve security in eHealth systems and services;

Innovative use of data - Allowing big data analysis and innovation with use of AI.



**Thank You!**

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Health Workforce





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Support for the Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting Expert Network „SEPEN”



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Commission



## ***SEPEN aims to***

- strengthen collaboration on **health workforce development** that is a crucial activity to ensure sustainability of health systems in each MS of the EU
- facilitate the **expert network** that enables sharing good practices, exchange of knowledge, tools, methods, publications and expertise
- activate **continuing policy dialogues** on EU Health Policy Platform in prominent topics, e.g. workforce education, recruitment and retention, mobility, skill needs, digital



# ***SEPEN results***

- Ensuring to disseminate findings and work undertaken by the **Joint Action on European Health Workforce Planning and Forecasting** (EU JAHWF 2013-2016)
- Building a **community** of health workforce experts and stakeholders: more than 300 experts joined SEPEN from 45 countries, various backgrounds: policy, academy, practising workforce etc.
- SEPEN reaches almost 600 **newsletter** subscribers
- 108 countries visit **healthworkforce.eu** website (75% Europe)
- In total 5 **workshops** and 10 **webinars** organised





# ***SEPEN uptake and follow-up***

- Discussions lead to **informing decision-makers in health policy and governance** on good practices in evidence-based policy making and support implementing actions e.g. replenishment strategies
- Different level of interest in MSs depending on the priorities of the **national health policy agenda and goals**
- Interest is high for knowledge and evidence, however **long-term commitment for systematic interventions** is lower
- **Shared responsibility** in the EU for health workforce monitoring
- Dialogues lead to sharing concrete **methods and tools for planning** e.g. data collections, planning models etc.



# ***SEPEN benefits for EU citizens***

- Developing the **supply side planning** e.g. composition of the workforce, combating lack of specialists, shortages, territorial imbalances, high/low in- or outflow from other EU MSs, strengthening the **public health workforce**
- Developing the **demand side planning** e.g. measuring and anticipating health consumption, forecasting the need for care
- Health workforce planning contributes to
  - **effective, accessible, resilient and sustainable health systems,**
  - **better health services (equity, effectiveness, accessibility, efficiency)**
  - **better health outcomes of the population.**



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Health Technology Assessment



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## *Health Technology Assessment*

### Highlights from the EUnetHTA Joint Action 3

Niklas HEDBERG  
*Executive Board Chair*



## ***Action: Content and Objective***

- **Quality** – EUnetHTA's aim is joint work which leads to consistent, reliable and high quality outputs.
- **Uptake** – Added value is a main goal and the joint work sees increased uptake and implementation at national, regional, and local levels.
- **Sustainability** – This uptake supports evidence-based, sustainable and equitable future healthcare choices.



# ***Action: Results***

- **Internal Communications**
- **External Communications**
- **Joint Production of Assessments**
- **Evidence Generation (Early Dialogues and PLEG)**
- **EUnetHTA Prioritisation List (EPL)**
- **Growing Partner Base**
- **Structural sustainability**



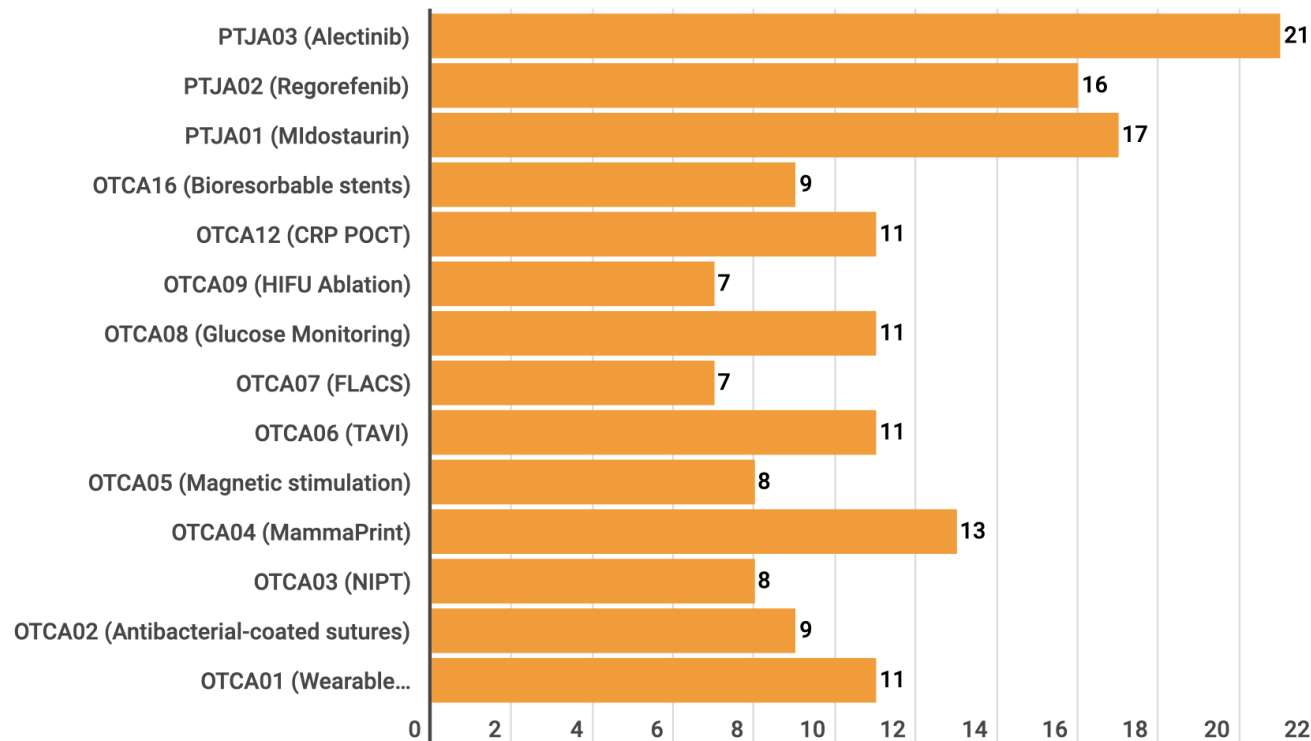
## ***Action: Uptake and Follow-Up***

- Which MS/other countries have taken up the action's results or are interested to do so/what type of follow up is envisaged? How can stakeholders build on the results?
- Countries reporting use of at least x1 PT Assessment – 18
- Countries reporting use of at least x1 OT Assessment – 20
- JA3 PT/OT Assessment use – See the following slide chart for reference:



# Action: Uptake and Follow-Up

Use of JA3 Assessments (assessment and dissemination)





# ***Action: Benefit for EU Citizens***

- *How have you contributed/ are expected to contribute to improving public health at the EU level? How have you changed public health in Europe?*
- In the long-term perspective, we are now equipped to increase the quality and equality of assessment results across Member States and organisations.
- This forms a high quality baseline from which to construct ongoing policy decisions.
- In this regard, we have contributed to preparing the healthcare landscape in Europe to deliver robustly assessed health technologies to EU citizens in, critically, a more timely manner.



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Medical devices



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Joint Action on Market Surveillance of Medical Devices (JAMS)



# ***JAMS: content and objective***

- Medical devices
- Safety
- Cooperation



## ***JAMS: results***

- Training course for inspectors: first action of its kind at EU-level on inspection of medical devices manufacturers
- Communication platform for clinical experts: facilitating cooperation on clinical issue of EU-level importance



## ***JAMS: uptake and follow-up***

- Broader use of tools produced by JAMS to foster cooperation and coordination between Member States:
  - Training materials
  - Communication platform on clinical assessment
  - Guidances and templates
- Proposal for creating a Joint inspection group at EU-level





# ***JAMS: benefit for EU citizens***

- Ensuring the highest level of safety of medical devices across Europe
- Restoring stability and confidence in the regulatory system



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