

**Question for written answer E-009364/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: Electronic health records

The European Union has promoted a number of initiatives and pilot projects and prepared strategic reports and studies on electronic health records.

In June 2013 the report of the e-Health Stakeholders Group made a number of important recommendations and highlighted critical factors, reiterating those raised years ago in the 2010 Study Report prepared by the Commission's Electronic Health Record Group.

- How, within the framework of the new regulative proposals and formulation of operational strategies directed at Member States in the health sector, does the Commission intend to give practical implementation to certain of the conclusions in the two studies referred to?
- Would the Commission be willing to urge Member States in the direction of greater regulative harmonisation in terms of common interoperability standards and procedures, for example by suggesting priority models and funding further pilot measures which could prove unifying at European level?
- Does the Commission wish to identify compulsory minimum funding within the framework of the Structural Funds, to be earmarked for the improvement of technical infrastructures in hospitals and clinics to put an end to the current 'digital divide', a real impediment to the development of shared electronic health records in Europe?