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to the Commission
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Subject: IT-based identification of patient data throughout the EU

In order to guarantee the quality of medical treatment at hospitals despite the variety and complexity of procedures, it is desirable to optimise or standardise processes by means of IT-based coordination of information on medical treatment stages. Risks could be minimised and patient safety increased. Particularly at outpatient clinics, staff and doctors often do not have access to all previous data on a patient, which can result in wrong treatments being administered. Electronic recording of patients' histories throughout the EU could avoid this problem.

1. How could such medical IT infrastructure be promoted by the European Union?
2. What alternative funding programmes has the Commission so far devised in this area?
3. Would the recording and linkage of previous electronic patient data be compatible with the General Data Protection Regulation?