

**Question for written answer E-000957/2019  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Actions to promote a digitised European Health System

The Commission's recommendations to enable doctors and citizens to access their electronic health files across Member States<sup>1</sup> seek to reduce the cost of health systems and to limit the waiting time for patients where they need to repeat tests in another Member State.

Through ePrescription and eDispensation European citizens can already obtain their medicines at a pharmacy located in a EU Member State other than that in which they were prescribed, while Finland and Estonia are already taking steps to create a single digital health market.

Given that the mobility of citizens between Member States has increased, while full access to their health information is not always possible, will the Commission say:

What measures are planned to effect the transition to a digitised European Health System and within which timeframe?

How will it ensure that citizens' personal data are protected and that the new technologies are used properly, by ensuring for instance that some social groups are not excluded, in the transition to a single digital health market?

What amount of funds has been earmarked under the MFF 2021-2017 - especially for Member States with financial difficulties - to promote the transition to a European Health System?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/commission-makes-it-easier-citizens-access-health-data-securely-across-borders> & [http://europa.eu/newsroom/rapid-failover/ip-19-1173\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu/newsroom/rapid-failover/ip-19-1173_en.pdf)