

**Question for written answer E-000309/2024
to the Commission**

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Subject: Proposal for the European Health Data Space

The proposal for the European Health Data Space¹ (EHDS) is of considerable significance for health researchers. The EHDS has the potential to speed up advances in medical technology and enhance the prospects of discovering novel treatment options for patients. By fostering collaboration between researchers and healthcare providers, the proposed EHDS could revolutionise the approach to medical research in Europe, strengthening European leadership in biomedical research and technology and contributing to better health for European citizens.

In view of this:

1. Could the Commission provide an update on the current status and progress toward creating a framework for data sharing and interoperability among EU Member States within the EHDS initiative?
2. What steps is the Commission taking, beyond the current proposal, to address potential barriers to the implementation of the EHDS, including variations in data protection regulations among Member States, notably the General Data Protection Regulation²(GDPR)?
3. How does the Commission plan to ensure the seamless integration of the EHDS into the broader EU research and innovation strategy, while maintaining the highest standards for the privacy and security of personal health data?

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¹ Proposal for a Regulation on the European Health Data Space (COM(2022)0197).

² Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1.