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# **OPINION**

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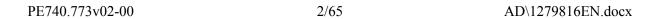
for the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and for the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Health Data Space (COM(2022)0197 – C9-0167/2022 – 2022/0140(COD))

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(\*) Associated committee – Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure

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#### SHORT JUSTIFICATION

This opinion focuses on the second pillar, Chapter III, which aims to implement a mandatory self-certification scheme for EHR systems, while complying with essential requirements on interoperability and security.

As Rapporteur for the IMCO Committee, I streamline the monitoring of the internal market. My draft opinion focuses on clarifying the definitions related to EHR, EHR systems, as well as introducing some new definition to allow for clear interpretation of the conditions set out in Chapter III of the proposal. Additionally, I propose to specify clearly the way in which the Commission will be creating the standards to apply to EHR systems through a clear reference to the use of international and harmonised standards, as well as the participation of all relevant stakeholders in this process.

My amendments further aim to define clearly the interplay between the EHDS and other sectoral legislation, especially for scenarios where devices would fall within the scope of more than one of these legislative acts.

An important addition is the requirement for the Commission and Member States to set explicit time-based targets for implementation and progress on cross-border health data interoperability and the relevant infrastructure.

This draft opinion aims to improve EHR systems by clarifying relevant definitions, ensuring that the Commission uses harmonised standards as the basis for setting EU-wide standards on security and interoperability for EHR systems, as well as reconciling the scope of the European Health Data Space with other sectoral legislation, such as the Medical Devices Regulation, the In-vitro Medical Device Regulation and the upcoming AI Act, and Data Act. By providing these clarifications, the proposed amendments intend to make the Commission's proposal clearer and more predictable for stakeholders as well as clearly ensure the EU remains well connected globally and does not impose standards, which are not interoperable with global partners.

#### **AMENDMENTS**

The Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection calls on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, as the committee responsible, to take into account the following amendments:

#### Amendment 1

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

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in place such systems, and the Member States that have implemented them have done so in a fragmented manner. In order to facilitate the free movement of personal health data across the Union and avoid negative consequences for patients when receiving healthcare in cross-border context, Union action is needed in order to ensure individuals have improved acess to their own personal electronic health data and are empowered to share it.

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## **Amendment 2**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Natural persons should be further empowered to exchange and to provide access to personal electronic health data to the health professionals of their choice, going beyond the right to data portability as established in Article 20 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679. This is necessary to tackle objective difficulties and obstacles in the current state of play. Under Regulation (EU) 2016/679, portability is limited only to data processed based on consent or contract, which excludes data processed under other legal bases, such as when the processing is based on law, for example when their processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official

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## **Amendment 3**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

(16)Timely and full access of health professionals to the medical records of patients is fundamental for ensuring continuity of care and avoiding duplications and errors. However, due to a lack of interoperability, in many cases, health professionals cannot access the complete medical records of their patients and cannot make optimal medical decisions for their diagnosis and treatment, which adds considerable costs for both health systems and natural persons and may lead to worse health outcomes for natural persons. Electronic health data made available in interoperable format, which can be transmitted between healthcare providers can also reduce the administrative burden on health professionals of manually entering or

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# Proposal for a regulation Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

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common European electronic health record exchange format, at least for certain categories of electronic health data, such as patient summaries, electronic prescriptions and dispensations, medical images and image reports, laboratory results and discharge reports, subject to transition periods. Where personal electronic health data is made available to a healthcare provider or a pharmacy by a natural person, or is transmitted by another data controller in the European electronic health record exchange format, the electronic health data should be read and accepted for the provision of healthcare or for dispensation of a medicinal product, thus supporting the provision of the health care services or the dispensation of the electronic prescription. Commission Recommendation (EU) 2019/243<sup>45</sup> provides the foundations for such a common European electronic health record exchange format. The use of European electronic health record exchange format should become more generalised at EU and national level. While the eHealth Network under Article 14 of Directive 2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>46</sup> recommended Member States to use the European electronic health record exchange format in procurements, in order to improve interoperability, uptake was limited in practice, resulting in fragmented landscape and uneven access to and portability of electronic health data.

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#### milestones.

- <sup>45</sup> Commission Recommendation (EU) 2019/243 of 6 February 2019 on a European Electronic Health Record exchange format (OJ L 39, 11.2.2019, p. 18).
- <sup>46</sup> Directive 2011/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 on the application of patients' rights in cross-border healthcare (OJ L 88, 4.4.2011, p. 45).

#### Amendment 5

Proposal for a regulation Recital 19 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

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(19a) The once-only principle means that natural or legal persons provide data only once under the primary or secondary use regime, while all actors concerned by this Regulation should be able to access such data for primary or secondary use, while respecting the rules laid down in the corresponding chapters. The implementation of the once-only principle would ensure that healthcare professionals and providers are not obliged to provide the same data more than once, avoiding duplication and unnecessary burdens.

#### Amendment 6

Proposal for a regulation Recital 23

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## Proposal for a regulation Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

Access to and transmission of electronic health data is relevant in crossborder healthcare situations, as it may support continuity of healthcare when natural persons travel to other Member States or change their place of residence. Continuity of care and rapid access to personal electronic health data is even more important for residents in border regions, crossing the border frequently to get health care. In many border regions, some specialised health care services may be available closer across the border rather than in the same Member State. An infrastructure is needed for the transmission of personal electronic health data across borders, in situations where a natural person is using services of a healthcare provider established in another Member State. A voluntary infrastructure for that purpose, MyHealth@EU, has been established as part of the actions provided for in Article 14 of Directive 2011/24/EU. Through MyHealth@EU, Member States started to provide natural persons with the possibility to share their personal electronic health data with healthcare providers when travelling abroad. To further support such possibilities, the participation of Member States in the digital infrastructure MyHealth@EU should become mandatory. All Member States should join the infrastructure and connect healthcare providers and pharmacies to it, as this is necessary for the implementation of the rights of natural persons to access and make use of their personal electronic health data regardless of the Member State. The infrastructure should be gradually expanded to support further categories of electronic health data.

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overcome the market coordination failure. Introducing interoperability standards at Union level is likely to be more effective than at national level.

#### **Amendment 8**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 25

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) In the context of MyHealth@EU, a central platform should provide a common infrastructure for the Member States to ensure connectivity and interoperability in an efficient and secure way. In order to guarantee compliance with data protection rules and to provide a risk management framework for the transmission of personal electronic health data, the Commission should, by means of implementing acts, allocate specific responsibilities among the Member States, as joint controllers, and prescribe its own obligations, as processor.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1a</sup> Commission Decision of 8 December 2021 on the open source licensing and reuse of Commission software 2021/C 495 I/01 (OJ C 495I, 9.12.2021, p. 1).

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 29

Text proposed by the Commission

Software or module(s) of software which falls within the definition of a medical device or high-risk artificial intelligence (AI) system should be certified in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>49</sup> and Regulation [...] of the European Parliament and of the Council [AI Act COM/2021/206 final], as applicable. The essential requirements on interoperability of this Regulation should only apply to the extent that the manufacturer of a medical device or highrisk AI system, which is providing electronic health data to be processed as part of the EHR system, claims interoperability with such EHR system. In such case, the provisions on common specifications for EHR systems should be applicable to those medical devices and high-risk AI systems.

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Proposal for a regulation Recital 34

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> Regulation (EU) 2017/745 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 April 2017 on medical devices, amending Directive 2001/83/EC, Regulation (EC) No 178/2002 and Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 and repealing Council Directives 90/385/EEC and 93/42/EEC (OJ L 117, 5.5.2017, p. 1).

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## Text proposed by the Commission

In order to ensure an appropriate and effective enforcement of the requirements and obligations laid down in Chapter III of this Regulation, the system of market surveillance and compliance of products established by Regulation (EU) 2019/1020 should apply. Depending on the organisation defined at national level, such market surveillance activities could be carried out by the digital health authorities ensuring the proper implementation of Chapter II or a separate market surveillance authority responsible for EHR systems. While designating digital health authorities as market surveillance authorities could have important practical advantages for the implementation of health and care, any conflicts of interest should be avoided, for instance by separating different tasks.

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#### **Amendment 11**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 40

Text proposed by the Commission

(40) The data holders can be public, non for profit or private health or care providers, public, non for profit and private organisations, associations or other entities, public and private entities that carry out research with regards to the health sector that process the categories of health and health related data mentioned above. In order to avoid a disproportionate burden on small entities, micro-enterprises are excluded from the obligation to make their data available for secondary use in the

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framework of EHDS. The public or private entities often receive public funding, from national or Union funds to collect and process electronic health data for research, statistics (official or not) or other similar purposes, including in area where the collection of such data is fragmented of difficult, such as rare diseases, cancer etc. Such data, collected and processed by data holders with the support of Union or national public funding, should be made available by data holders to health data access bodies, in order to maximise the impact of the public investment and support research, innovation, patient safety or policy making benefitting the society. In some Member States, private entities, including private healthcare providers and professional associations, play a pivotal role in the health sector. The health data held by such providers should also be made available for secondary use. At the same time, data benefiting from specific legal protection such as intellectual property from medical device companies or pharmaceutical companies often enjoy copyright protection or similar types of protection. However, public authorities and regulators should have access to such data, for instance in the event of pandemics, to verify defective devices and protect human health. In times of severe public health concerns (for example, PIP breast implants fraud) it appeared very difficult for public authorities to get access to such data to understand the causes and knowledge of manufacturer concerning the defects of some devices. The COVID-19 pandemic also revealed the difficulty for policy makers to have access to health data and other data related to health. Such data should be made available for public and regulatory activities, supporting public bodies to carry out their legal mandate, while complying with, where relevant and possible, the protection enjoyed by commercial data. Specific rules in relation to the secondary use of health data should be provided. Data altruism activities may

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<sup>1a</sup> Directive (EU) 2016/943 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 8 June 2016 on the protection of undisclosed know-how and business information (trade secrets) against their unlawful acquisition, use and disclosure (OJ L 157, 15.6.2016, p. 1).

#### **Amendment 12**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 51

Text proposed by the Commission

(51)As the resources of health data access bodies are limited, they can apply prioritisation rules, for instance prioritising public institutions before private entities, but they should not make any discrimination between the national or from organisations from other Member States within the same category of *priorities*. The data user should be able to extend the duration of the data permit in order, for example, to allow access to the datasets to reviewers of scientific publication or to enable additional analysis of the dataset based on the initial findings. This would require an amendment of the data permit and may be subject to an additional fee. However, in all the cases, the

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As the resources of health data (51)access bodies are limited, they can apply prioritisation rules, the Commission should issue guidance on prioritisation criteria. In general, the request with potential overall highest benefit for the citizens and Union should be prioritised. The prioritisation criteria should avoid fragmentation of the single market. The data user should be able to extend the duration of the data permit in order, for example, to allow access to the datasets to reviewers of scientific publication or to enable additional analysis of the dataset based on the initial findings. This would require an amendment of the data permit and may be subject to an additional fee.

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#### Amendment 13

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 68

Text proposed by the Commission

In order to ensure that EHDS fulfils (68)its objectives, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of different provisions of primary and secondary use of electronic health data. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making<sup>52</sup>. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts.

#### Amendment

In order to ensure that EHDS fulfils (68)its objectives, the power to adopt acts in accordance with Article 290 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union should be delegated to the Commission in respect of different provisions of primary and secondary use of electronic health data. It is of particular importance that the Commission carry out appropriate consultations during its preparatory work, including at expert level, and that those consultations be conducted in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making<sup>52</sup>. In particular, to ensure equal participation in the preparation of delegated acts, the European Parliament and the Council receive all documents at the same time as Member States' experts, and their experts systematically have access to meetings of Commission expert groups dealing with the preparation of delegated acts. In accordance with the Inter-Institutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making, the Commission will also resort to public consultations to gather the necessary expertise.

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 69

Text proposed by the Commission

(69) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of this Regulation, implementing powers should be conferred on the Commission. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council<sup>53</sup>.

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#### **Amendment 15**

# Proposal for a regulation Recital 70

Text proposed by the Commission

(70) Member States should take all necessary measures to ensure that the provisions of this Regulation are

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implemented, including by laying down effective, proportionate and dissuasive penalties for their infringement. For certain specific infringements, Member States should take into account the margins and criteria set out in this Regulation. Moreover, the Member states should put in place communication campaigns to inform all relevant stakeholders, especially the industry, and society, about the infringements and all provisions of the Regulation in order to facilitate its implementation, which needs to take especially into account the different digital developments of health systems across the Union.

#### **Amendment 16**

Proposal for a regulation Recital 71 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(71a) The Commission should assess whether this Regulation should be added to the list of provisions of Union law covered by Annex I of Directive (EU) 2020/1828 of the European Parliament and of the Council.

#### Amendment 17

Proposal for a regulation Recital 72 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(72a) In order to mitigate risks of delay in implementation, the Commission and Member States should agree on a range of time-based targets for the EHDS, including in respect to health data interoperability.

# Proposal for a regulation Article 1 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. This Regulation shall be without prejudice to other Union legal acts regarding access to, sharing of or secondary use of electronic health data, or requirements related to the processing of data in relation to electronic health data, in particular Regulations (EU) 2016/679, (EU) 2018/1725, [...] [Data Governance Act COM/2020/767 final] and [...] [Data Act COM/2022/68 final].

#### Amendment

4. This Regulation shall be without prejudice to other Union legal acts regarding access to, sharing of or secondary use of electronic health data, or requirements related to the processing of data in relation to electronic health data, in particular Regulations (EU) 2016/679, (EU) 2018/1725, [...] [Data Governance Act COM/2020/767 final], *Directive (EU)* 2016/943 and [...] [Data Act COM/2022/68 final].

#### Amendment 19

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

(da) the definition of 'professional user' pursuant to Article 3 (8) of the Regulation (EU) 2018/1807;

#### Amendment 20

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point e

Text proposed by the Commission

(e) the definitions of 'medical device', 'intended purpose', 'instructions for use', 'performance', 'health institution' and 'common specifications', pursuant to Article 2 (1), (12), (14), (22), (36) and (71) of the Regulation (EU) 2017/745;

#### Amendment

(e) the definitions of 'medical device', 'intended purpose', 'instructions for use', 'putting into service', 'performance', 'health institution' and 'common specifications', pursuant to Article 2 (1), (12), (14), (22), (29), (36) and (71) of the Regulation (EU) 2017/745;

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# Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) 'non-personal electronic health data' means data concerning health and genetic data in electronic format that falls outside the definition of personal data provided in Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679;

#### Amendment 22

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

(b) 'non-personal electronic health data' means data concerning health and *aggregated* genetic data in electronic format that falls outside the definition of personal data provided in Article 4(1) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679;

#### Amendment

(ia) 'economic operator' means the manufacturer, the authorised representative, the importer, the distributor, the fulfilment service provider or any other natural or legal person who is subject to obligations in relation to the manufacture of EHR systems, making them available on the market, putting them into service or maintaining them in accordance with the relevant Union harmonisation legislation;

#### **Amendment 23**

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point m

Text proposed by the Commission

(m) 'EHR' (electronic health record) means a *collection of electronic* health *data related to* a natural person *and* collected in the health system, processed

#### Amendment

(m) 'EHR' (electronic health record) means a *comprehensive medical record or similar documentation of the past and present state of* health *of* a natural person,

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for healthcare purposes;

including physical and mental health, in electronic form, collected in the health system, processed for healthcare purposes;

#### Amendment 24

# Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point n

Text proposed by the Commission

(n) 'EHR system' (electronic health record system) means any *appliance or* software intended by the manufacturer to be used for storing, intermediating, importing, exporting, converting, editing or viewing electronic health records;

#### Amendment

(n) 'EHR system' (electronic health record system) means any product (hardware, software or other product) primarily intended by the manufacturer to be used or that can be reasonably expected by the manufacturer to be used for storing, intermediating, importing, exporting, converting, editing or viewing electronic health records, whose main purpose is to facilitate sharing patient information with authorised providers, healthcare professionals, or patients and data flow between healthcare providers;

#### **Amendment 25**

Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point n a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

(na) 'general software' means any software that is not primarily intended by the manufacturer to be used or that cannot be reasonably expected by the manufacturer to be used for storing, intermediating, importing, exporting, converting, editing or viewing electronic health records;

#### **Amendment 26**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 2 – paragraph 2 – point o

Text proposed by the Commission

(o) 'wellness application' means any appliance or software intended by the manufacturer to be used by a natural person for processing electronic health data for other purposes than healthcare, such as well-being and pursuing healthy lifestyles;

#### Amendment

(o) 'wellness application' means any product or software intended by the manufacturer to be used or that can be reasonably expected by the manufacturer to be mainly used by a natural person for processing electronic health data for healthy life-style and well-being purposes related to healthcare;

#### Amendment 27

# Proposal for a regulation Article 3 – paragraph 10

Text proposed by the Commission

10. Natural persons shall have the right to obtain information on *the* healthcare providers and health professionals *that* have accessed their electronic health data in the context of healthcare. The information shall be provided immediately and free of charge through electronic health data access services.

#### Amendment

10. Natural persons shall have the right to obtain information on *which* healthcare providers and health professionals have *specifically* accessed their electronic health *data and when available the reason why these actors accessed this* data in the context of healthcare. The information shall be provided immediately and free of charge through electronic health data access services.

#### **Amendment 28**

Proposal for a regulation Article 4 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

2a. Natural or legal persons shall be requested to provide data to public sector bodies or EHR providers under the primary or secondary use regime only

once, while all actors may request access to and use such data for secondary purposes in accordance with the provisions laid down in Chapter IV.

#### Amendment 29

# Proposal for a regulation Article 6 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, lay down the technical specifications for the priority categories of personal electronic health data referred to in Article 5, setting out the European electronic health record exchange format. The format shall include the following elements:

#### Amendment

1. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, lay down the technical specifications for the priority categories of personal electronic health data referred to in Article 5, setting out the European electronic health record exchange format. When setting out the European electronic health record exchange format, the Commission shall take into consideration existing international standards and formats already used in the Member States. The format shall include the following elements:

#### Amendment 30

Proposal for a regulation Article 10 – paragraph 2 – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ia) ensure robust cybersecurity measures to protect sensitive health data of users to thwart any attempts to breach the systems and steal or damage the data;

**Amendment 31** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 1

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# Text proposed by the Commission

1. The Commission shall establish a central platform for digital health to provide services to support and facilitate the exchange of electronic health data between national contact points for digital health of the Member States.

#### Amendment

1. The Commission shall establish a central platform for digital health to provide services to support and facilitate the exchange of electronic health data between national contact points for digital health of the Member States. Where deemed appropriate, parts of or the entirety of the central platform shall be licenced under an open-source licence and published in the Open Source code repository of the Union institutions.

#### Amendment 32

# Proposal for a regulation Article 12 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt the necessary measures for the technical development of MyHealth@EU, detailed rules concerning the security, confidentiality and protection of electronic health data and the conditions and compliance checks necessary to join and remain connected to MyHealth@EU and conditions for temporary or definitive exclusion from MyHealth@EU. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 68(2).

#### Amendment

No later than 12 months after the entry into force of the Regulation, the Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt the necessary measures for the technical development of MyHealth@EU, detailed rules concerning the security, confidentiality and protection of electronic health data and the conditions and compliance checks necessary to join and remain connected to MyHealth@EU and conditions for temporary or definitive exclusion from MyHealth@EU. Those measures shall also include target implementation dates, including for improved cross border health data interoperability. The Commission shall consult the EHDS Board, ENISA and EDPB when preparing the implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 68(2).

# Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

2a. Manufacturers of EHR systems that also qualify as medical devices as defined in Article 2 point (1) of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 and claim interoperability of those medical devices with EHR systems under this Regulation shall prove compliance with the essential requirements on interoperability laid down in Section 2 of Annex II to this Regulation. Section 3 of this Chapter shall be applicable to those medical devices.

#### Amendment 34

# Proposal for a regulation Article 14 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Providers of high-risk AI systems as defined in Article 6 of Regulation [...] [AI act COM/2021/206 final], which does not fall within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2017/745, that claim interoperability of those AI systems with EHR systems will need to prove compliance with the essential requirements on interoperability laid down in Section 2 of Annex II of this Regulation. Article 23 of this Chapter shall be applicable to those high-risk AI systems.

#### Amendment

4. Notwithstanding the obligations laid down in Regulation [AI act COM/2021/206 final], providers of highrisk AI systems as defined in Article 6 of Regulation [...] [AI act COM/2021/206 final], which does not fall within the scope of Regulation (EU) 2017/745, that claim interoperability of those AI systems with EHR systems will need to prove compliance with the essential requirements on interoperability laid down in Section 2 of Annex II of this Regulation. Article 23 of this Chapter shall be applicable to those high-risk AI systems.

#### **Amendment 35**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 15 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. EHR systems may be placed on the market or put into service only if they comply with the provisions laid down in this Chapter.

#### Amendment

1. EHR systems may be placed on the market or put into service only if they comply with the provisions laid down in *Section 3 of* this Chapter *and in Annex II*.

#### **Amendment 36**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

In the information sheet, instructions for use or other information accompanying EHR systems, and in the advertising of EHR systems, it shall be prohibited to use text, names, trademarks, pictures and figurative or other signs that may mislead the *user* with regard to its intended purpose, interoperability and security by:

#### Amendment

In the information sheet, instructions for use or other information accompanying EHR systems, and in the advertising of EHR systems, it shall be prohibited to use text, names, trademarks, pictures and figurative or other signs that may mislead the *professional user*, and where appropriate other types of users with regard to its intended purpose, interoperability and security by:

# **Amendment 37**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 16 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) failing to inform the *user* of likely limitations related to interoperability or security features of the EHR system in relation to its intended purpose;

#### Amendment

(b) failing to inform the *professional* user, and where appropriate other types of users of likely limitations related to interoperability or security features of the EHR system in relation to its intended purpose;

# Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) draw up the technical documentation of their EHR systems in accordance with Article 24;

#### Amendment

(b) draw up *and keep up to date* the technical documentation of their EHR systems in accordance with Article 24;

# **Amendment 39**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) ensure that their EHR systems are accompanied, free of charge for the user, by the information sheet provided for in Article 25 and clear and complete instructions for use;

#### Amendment

(c) ensure that their EHR systems are accompanied, free of charge for the user, by the information sheet provided for in Article 25 and by clear and complete instructions for use in accessible formats for persons with disabilities;

## **Amendment 40**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) take without undue delay any necessary corrective action in respect of their EHR systems which are not in conformity with the essential requirements laid down in Annex II, or recall or withdraw such systems;

# Amendment

(g) take *immediately* any necessary corrective action in respect of their EHR systems *when manufacturers consider or have reasons to believe that such systems* are not in conformity with the essential requirements laid down in Annex II, or recall or withdraw such systems;

# **Amendment 41**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point h

Text proposed by the Commission

(h) inform the distributors of their EHR systems and, where applicable, the authorised representative and importers of any corrective action, recall or withdrawal;

#### Amendment

(h) *immediately* inform the distributors of their EHR systems and, where applicable, the authorised representative and importers of any corrective action, recall or withdrawal;

#### **Amendment 42**

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point i

Text proposed by the Commission

(i) inform the market surveillance authorities of the Member States in which they made their EHR systems available or put them into service of the nonconformity and of any corrective action taken:

#### Amendment

(i) *immediately* inform the market surveillance authorities of the Member States in which they made their EHR systems available or put them into service of the non-conformity and of any corrective action taken;

## **Amendment 43**

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point i a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

## Amendment

(ia) immediately inform the market surveillance authorities of the Member States in which they made their EHR systems available, where manufacturers consider or have reasons to believe that such systems present a risk to the health or safety of natural persons;

# **Amendment 44**

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# Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1 – point k a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ka) establish reporting channels and ensure their accessibility to allow for users to submit complaints or concerns regarding potential non-conformity of products, assess the complaints and concerns received and inform market surveillance authorities in case of suspected non-compliance of the product, and keep a register of complaints and concerns received and make it available upon request from a market surveillance authority.

#### **Amendment 45**

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. If the manufacturer fails to cooperate with market surveillance authorities or if the information and documentation provided is incomplete or incorrect, market surveillance authorities shall take all appropriate and proportionate measures to prohibit or restrict the relevant EHR system from being available on the market, to withdraw it from the market or to recall it until the manufacturer cooperates or provides complete and correct information;

**Amendment 46** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 3

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# Text proposed by the Commission

# 3. Manufacturers of EHR systems shall keep the technical documentation and the EU declaration of conformity for 10 years after the last EHR system covered by the EU declaration of conformity has been placed on the market.

#### Amendment

3. Manufacturers of EHR systems shall keep the technical documentation and the EU declaration of conformity for 10 years after the last EHR system covered by the EU declaration of conformity has been placed on the market and ensure that the technical documentation and the declaration of conformity are made available to the market surveillance authorities upon request.

#### **Amendment 47**

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

3a. Natural or legal persons may claim compensation for damage caused by a defective EHR system in accordance with applicable Union and national law.

#### **Amendment 48**

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

## Amendment

3b. Manufacturers shall make publicly available communication channels such as a telephone number, electronic address or dedicated section of their website, taking into account accessibility needs for persons with disabilities, allowing users to file complaints and to inform them of risks related to their health and safety or to other aspects of public interest protection and of any serious incident involving an EHR system.

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 3 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

3c. Manufacturers shall investigate complaints and information on incidents involving an EHR system they made available on the market without undue delay and shall keep an internal register of those complaints as well as of systems recalls and any corrective measures taken to bring the EHR system into conformity.

#### Amendment 50

Proposal for a regulation Article 17 – paragraph 3 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

3d. Personal data stored in the internal register of complaints shall only be those personal data that are necessary for the manufacturer to investigate the complaint. Such data shall only be kept as long as it is necessary for the purpose of investigation and no longer than 5 years after they have been encoded.

#### Amendment 51

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. **Prior to making an EHR system** available on the Union market, a manufacturer of an EHR system

#### Amendment

1. **Where** a manufacturer of an EHR system **is** established outside of the Union, **the EHR system may only be made** 

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established outside of the Union *shall*, by written mandate, *appoint* an authorised representative which is established in the Union

available on the Union market if the manufacturer appoints, by written mandate, an authorised representative which is established in the Union

#### Amendment 52

# Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 2 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

2. An authorised representative shall perform the tasks specified in the mandate *received from* the manufacturer. The mandate shall allow the authorised representative to do at least the following:

#### Amendment

2. An authorised representative shall perform the tasks specified in the mandate *agreed with* the manufacturer. The mandate shall allow the authorised representative to do at least the following:

#### **Amendment 53**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 2 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) further to a reasoned request from a market surveillance authority, provide that authority with all the information and documentation necessary to demonstrate the conformity of an EHR system with the essential requirements laid down in Annex II;

#### Amendment

(b) further to a reasoned request from a market surveillance authority, provide that authority, in an official language of the Member State where the market surveillance authority is located, with all the information and documentation necessary to demonstrate the conformity of an EHR system with the essential requirements laid down in Annex II;

#### Amendment 54

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 2 – point b a (new)

# Text proposed by the Commission

## Amendment

(ba) immediately inform the manufacturer if the authorised representative has a reason to believe that an EHR system presents a risk to the health or safety of natural persons or to other aspects of public interest protection or if it is aware of any serious incident involving an EHR system;

#### **Amendment 55**

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 2 – point b b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(bb) immediately inform the manufacturer about complaints received by users;

#### Amendment 56

Proposal for a regulation Article 18 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

- 2a. In case of change of the authorised representative, the detailed arrangements for the change shall address at least the following aspects:
- (a) the date of termination of the mandate of the outgoing authorised representative and date of beginning of the mandate of the incoming authorised representative;
- (b) the transfer of documents, including confidentiality aspects and property rights;

# Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 2 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

## Amendment

(aa) the manufacturer is identified and an authorised representative in accordance with Article 18 has been appointed;

#### **Amendment 58**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 2 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the EHR system is accompanied by the information sheet referred to in Article 25 and *appropriate* instructions for use.

#### Amendment

(c) the EHR system is accompanied by the information sheet referred to in Article 25 and *by clear and complete* instructions for use *in accessible formats for persons* with disabilities.

# **Amendment 59**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Importers shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trade mark *and the* address at which they can be contacted in a document accompanying the EHR system.

#### Amendment

3. Importers shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trade mark, *the postal and electronic* address at which they can be contacted in a document accompanying the EHR system. *They shall ensure that any additional label does not obscure any information on the label provided by the manufacturer*.

# Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Where an importer considers or has reason to believe that an EHR system is not in conformity with the essential requirements in Annex II, it shall not make that system available on the market until that system has been brought into conformity. The importer shall inform without undue delay the manufacturer of such EHR system and the market surveillance authorities of the Member State in which it made the EHR system available, to that effect.

#### Amendment

5. Where an importer considers or has reason to believe that an EHR system is not in conformity with the essential requirements in Annex II, it shall not make that system available on the market until that system has been brought into conformity. The importer shall inform without undue delay the manufacturer of such EHR system and the market surveillance authorities of the Member State in which it made the EHR system available, to that effect. Where an importer considers or has reason to believe that an EHR system presents a risk to the health or safety of natural persons, it shall immediately inform the market surveillance authority of the Member State in which the importer is established, as well as the manufacturer and where applicable, the authorised representative.

#### Amendment 61

# Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 7

Text proposed by the Commission

7. Importers shall, further to a reasoned request from a market surveillance authority, provide it with all the information and documentation necessary to demonstrate the conformity of an EHR system in the official language of the Member State where the market surveillance authority is located. *They* shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to bring their EHR systems in conformity with the essential

#### Amendment

7. Importers shall, further to a reasoned request from a market surveillance authority, provide it with all the information and documentation necessary to demonstrate the conformity of an EHR system in the official language of the Member State where the market surveillance authority is located. *Importers* shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, *and with the manufacturer and*, *where applicable*, *with the manufacturer's* 

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requirements laid down in Annex II.

authorised representative on any action taken to bring their EHR systems in conformity with the essential requirements laid down in Annex II, or to ensure that their EHR systems are withdrawn or recalled.

#### Amendment 62

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

7a. Importers shall verify whether the communication channels referred to in Article 17(3b), are publicly available to users allowing them to submit complaints and communicate any risk related to their health and safety or to any serious incident involving an EHR system. If such channels are not available, the importer shall provide for them, taking into account accessibility needs for persons with disabilities.

#### **Amendment 63**

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 7 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

7b. Importers shall investigate complaints and information on incidents involving an EHR system they made available on the market and file those complaints, as well as of systems recalls and any corrective measures taken to bring the EHR system into conformity, in the register referred to in Article 17(3c) or in their own internal register. Importers shall keep the manufacturer, distributors and, where relevant, authorised

representatives informed in a timely manner of the investigation performed and of the results of the investigation.

#### Amendment 64

Proposal for a regulation Article 19 – paragraph 7 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

7c. Personal data stored in the internal register of complaints shall only be those personal data that are necessary for the importer to investigate the complaint. Such data shall only be kept as long as it is necessary for the purpose of investigation and no longer than five years after they have been encoded.

#### Amendment 65

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the EHR system is accompanied by the information sheet referred to in Article 25 and *appropriate* instructions for use;

#### Amendment

(c) the EHR system is accompanied by the information sheet referred to in Article 25 and *by clear and complete* instructions for use *in accessible formats for persons with disabilities*;

#### **Amendment 66**

Proposal for a regulation Article 20 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Where a distributor considers or has reason to believe that an EHR system is not

#### Amendment

3. Where a distributor considers or has reason to believe that an EHR system is not

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in conformity with the essential requirements laid down in Annex II, it shall not make the EHR system available on the market until it has been brought into conformity. Furthermore, the distributor shall inform without undue delay the manufacturer or the importer, as well as the market surveillance authorities of the Member states where the EHR system has been made available on the market, to that effect

in conformity with the essential requirements laid down in Annex II, it shall not make the EHR system available on the market until it has been brought into conformity. Furthermore, the distributor shall inform without undue delay the manufacturer or the importer, as well as the market surveillance authorities of the Member states where the EHR system has been made available on the market, to that effect. Where a distributor considers or has reason to believe that an EHR system presents a risk to the health or safety of natural persons, it shall immediately inform the market surveillance authority of the Member State in which the distributor is established, as well as the manufacturer, the importer and where applicable, the authorised representative.

#### Amendment 67

# Proposal for a regulation Article 20 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Distributors shall, further to a reasoned request from a market surveillance authority, provide it with all the information and documentation necessary to demonstrate the conformity of an EHR system. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to bring their EHR systems in conformity with the essential requirements laid down in Annex II.

#### Amendment

4 Distributors shall, further to a reasoned request from a market surveillance authority, provide it with all the information and documentation necessary to demonstrate the conformity of an EHR system. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, and with the manufacturer, the importer and, where applicable, with the manufacturer's authorised representative on any action taken to bring their EHR systems in conformity with the essential requirements laid down in Annex II or to ensure that their EHR systems are withdrawn or recalled.

#### **Amendment 68**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – title

Text proposed by the Commission

Cases in which obligations of manufacturers of an EHR system apply to importers and distributors

Amendment

Cases in which obligations of manufacturers of an EHR system apply to importers and distributors *and other economic operators* 

#### Amendment 69

# Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

An importer *or* distributor shall be considered a manufacturer for the purposes of this Regulation and shall be subject to the obligations laid down in Article 17, where they made an EHR system available on the market under their own name or trademark or modify an EHR system already placed on the market in such a way that conformity with the applicable requirements may be affected.

#### Amendment

An importer, distributor or another economic operator who makes modifications to the EHR system while deploying or using it, which lead to changes in the intended purpose and deployments recommendations for the EHR system as declared by the manufacturer, shall be considered a manufacturer for the purposes of this Regulation and shall be subject to the obligations laid down in Article 17, where they made an EHR system available on the market under their own name or trademark or substantially modify an EHR system already placed on the market in such a way that conformity with the applicable requirements may be affected.

#### **Amendment 70**

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. In the event of any malfunctioning

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or deterioration in performance quality due to the changes made by economic operators during deployment or use of the EHR system contrary to the manufacturers' recommendations for technical deployment of the system or purpose of its use, the economic operator shall bear full responsibility for those modifications.

#### Amendment 71

Proposal for a regulation Article 21 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

1b. Placing on the market of second-hand EHR systems, whether prepared for re-use, checked, cleaned, repaired, refurbished or without any action on the product shall not be considered as a substantial modification in line with relevant Union or national law on product safety, in case the second-hand economic operators' interventions do not lead to changes in the intended purpose, deployments, recommendations and level of risk for the EHR system as declared by the manufacturer and the conformity with applicable requirements is not affected.

#### Amendment 72

Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 1 – subparagraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt common specifications in respect of the essential requirements set out in Annex II, including a time limit for implementing those

Amendment

The Commission shall, by means of implementing acts, adopt common specifications in respect of the essential requirements set out in Annex II, including a time limit for implementing those

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common specifications. Where relevant, the common specifications shall take into account the specificities of medical devices and high risk AI systems referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 14.

common specifications. When drafting common specifications, the Commission shall take into account the existing harmonised standards or international standards. Where relevant, the common specifications shall take into account the specificities and verify compatibility with sectorial legislation and harmonised standards of medical devices and high risk AI systems referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Article 14, including the state-of-theart standards for health informatics and the European electronic health record exchange format. Before adopting the implementing act, the Commission shall consult the relevant European standardisation organisations and European stakeholder organisations receiving Union financing under Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, the European Data Protection Supervisor and the European Data Protection Board where common specifications have an impact on the data protection requirements of EHR systems.

#### Amendment 73

# Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 5

Text proposed by the Commission

5. Where common specifications covering interoperability and security requirements of EHR systems affect medical devices or high-risk AI systems falling under other acts, such as Regulations (EU) 2017/745 or [...] [AI Act COM/2021/206 final], the adoption of those common specifications *may* be preceded by a consultation with the Medical Devices Coordination Group (MDCG) referred to in Article 103 of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 or the European Artificial Intelligence *Board* referred to in Article 56 of Regulation [...] [AI Act

#### Amendment

5. Where common specifications covering interoperability and security requirements of EHR systems affect medical devices or high-risk AI systems falling under other acts, such as Regulations (EU) 2017/745 or [...] [AI Act COM/2021/206 final], the adoption of those common specifications *shall* be preceded by a consultation with the Medical Devices Coordination Group (MDCG) referred to in Article 103 of Regulation (EU) 2017/745 or the European Artificial Intelligence *Office* referred to in Article 56 of Regulation [...] [AI Act

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COM/2021/206 final], as applicable.

COM/2021/206 final], as applicable, as well as the European Data Protection Board referred to in Article 68 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679.

#### **Amendment 74**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 23 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. Where common specifications covering interoperability and security requirements of medical devices or highrisk AI systems falling under other acts such as Regulation (EU) 2017/745 or Regulation [...] [AI Act COM/2021/206 final], impact EHR systems, the adoption of those common specifications shall be preceded by a consultation with the EHDS Board, especially its subgroup for Chapters II and III of this Regulation.

#### Amendment

6. Where common specifications covering interoperability and security requirements of medical devices or highrisk AI systems falling under other acts such as Regulation (EU) 2017/745 or Regulation [...] [AI Act COM/2021/206 final], impact EHR systems, the adoption of those common specifications shall be preceded by a consultation with the EHDS Board, especially its subgroup for Chapters II and III of this Regulation, and, where applicable, the European Data Protection Board referred to in Article 68 of Regulation (EU) 2016/679).

# **Amendment 75**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. **The** technical documentation **shall be drawn up** before the EHR system is placed on the market or put into service **and shall be kept up-to-date**.

#### Amendment

1. *Manufacturers shall draw up and keep up-to-date* technical documentation before the EHR system is placed on the market or put into service.

#### Amendment 76

# Proposal for a regulation Article 24 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. The technical documentation shall be drawn up in such a way as to demonstrate that the EHR system complies with the essential requirements laid down in Annex II and provide market surveillance authorities with all the necessary information to assess the conformity of the EHR system with those requirements. It shall contain, at a minimum, the elements set out in Annex III.

#### Amendment

The technical documentation shall 2. be drawn up in such a way as to demonstrate that the EHR system complies with the essential requirements laid down in Annex II and provide market surveillance authorities with all the necessary information to assess the conformity of the EHR system with those requirements. It shall contain, at a minimum, the elements set out in Annex III. In case the system or any part of it complies with European standards or common specifications, the list of the relevant European standards and common specifications shall also be indicated.

#### Amendment 77

# Proposal for a regulation Article 25 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the identity, registered trade name or registered trademark, and the contact details of the manufacturer and, where applicable, of its authorised representative;

#### Amendment

(a) the identity, registered trade name or registered trademark, and the contact details of the manufacturer, *including the postal and electronic address* and, where applicable, of its authorised representative;

# **Amendment 78**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. By drawing up the EU declaration of conformity, the manufacturer shall

#### Amendment

4. By drawing up the EU declaration of conformity, the manufacturer shall

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assume responsibility for the *conformity of* the *EHR system*.

assume responsibility for the compliance with the requirements of this Regulation.

#### Amendment 79

Proposal for a regulation Article 26 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

4a. The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 67 amending the minimum content of the EU declaration of conformity set out in Annex IV.

#### Amendment 80

Proposal for a regulation Article 27 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

1a. The CE marking shall be affixed before making the EHR system available on the market.

# **Amendment 81**

Proposal for a regulation Article 28 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall designate the market surveillance authority or authorities responsible for the implementation of this Chapter. They shall entrust their market surveillance authorities with the powers, resources, equipment *and* knowledge necessary for the proper performance of their tasks pursuant to this Regulation.

## Amendment

2. Member States shall designate the market surveillance authority or authorities responsible for the implementation of this Chapter. They shall entrust their market surveillance authorities with the powers, *human, technical and financial* resources, equipment, *IT tools, premises, infrastructure,* knowledge *and ongoing* 

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Member States shall communicate the identity of the market surveillance authorities to the Commission which shall publish a list of those authorities.

training necessary for the proper and effective performance of their tasks pursuant to this Regulation. Member States shall communicate the identity of the market surveillance authorities to the Commission which shall publish a list of those authorities.

#### **Amendment 82**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 29 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. The market surveillance authority shall immediately inform the Commission and the market surveillance authorities of other Member States of the measures ordered pursuant to paragraph 1. That information shall include all available details, in particular the data necessary for the identification of the EHR system concerned, the origin and the supply chain of the EHR system, the nature of the risk involved and the nature and duration of the national measures taken.

#### Amendment

3. The market surveillance authority shall immediately inform the Commission and the market surveillance authorities of other Member States of the measures ordered pursuant to paragraph 1. That information shall include all available details, in particular the data necessary for the identification of the EHR system concerned, the origin and the supply chain of the EHR system, the nature of the risk involved and the nature and duration of the national measures taken. *The market surveillance authority shall also notify and cooperate with data protection authorities.* 

# **Amendment 83**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Where a market surveillance authority makes one of the following findings, it shall require the manufacturer of the EHR system concerned, its authorised representative and all other relevant economic operators to *put an end* 

# Amendment

1. Where a market surveillance authority makes, *inter alia*, one of the following findings, it shall require the manufacturer of the EHR system concerned, its authorised representative and all other relevant economic operators

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to the non-compliance concerned:

to bring the EHR system into conformity:

#### **Amendment 84**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the EHR system is not in conformity with essential requirements laid down in Annex II;

#### Amendment

(a) the EHR system is not in conformity with essential requirements laid down in Annex II and with the common specifications in accordance with Article 23;

#### **Amendment 85**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) the technical documentation is either not available or not complete;

#### Amendment

(b) the technical documentation is either not available or not complete, *or not in accordance with Article 24*;

#### **Amendment 86**

Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

(ba) the EHR system is not accompanied by the information sheet provided for in Article 25;

#### **Amendment 87**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) the EU declaration of conformity has not been drawn up or has not been drawn up correctly;

#### Amendment

(c) the EU declaration of conformity has not been drawn up or has not been drawn up correctly *as referred to in Article* 26;

#### **Amendment 88**

Proposal for a regulation Article 30 – paragraph 1 – point d a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(da) the registration obligations of Article 32 has not been fulfilled.

# **Amendment 89**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 31 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. If the wellness application is embedded in a device, the accompanying label shall be placed on the device. 2D barcodes may also be used to display the label.

## Amendment

6. If the wellness application is an integral part of a device or is embedded in a device, the accompanying label shall be placed on the device. 2D barcodes may also be used to display the label. If the wellness application is embedded in a device after its putting into service, the wellness application label may be shown in the application itself.

# Amendment 90

Proposal for a regulation Article 31 – paragraph 9

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# Text proposed by the Commission

# 9. Each distributor of a wellness application for which a label has been issued shall make the label available to customers at the point of sale in electronic form *or*, *upon request*, *in physical form*.

#### Amendment

9. Each distributor of a wellness application for which a label has been issued shall make the label available to customers at the point of sale in electronic form.

#### **Amendment 91**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 1 – point j

Text proposed by the Commission

(j) electronic health data from clinical trials:

#### Amendment

(j) electronic health data from *fully completed or terminated* clinical trials;

#### Amendment 92

# Proposal for a regulation Article 33 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Electronic health data entailing protected intellectual property and trade secrets from *private enterprises* shall be made available for secondary use. Where such data is made available for secondary use, all measures necessary *to* preserve the confidentiality of *IP rights and* trade secrets *shall* be taken.

#### Amendment

4. Electronic health data entailing protected intellectual property and trade secrets from health data holders shall be made available for secondary use. Where such data is made available for secondary use, all measures necessary preserve IP rights and the confidentiality of trade secrets must be taken. The sharing of health data for secondary use including the sharing of clinical trial data, shall be shared without prejudice to existing relevant Union legislation including Directive 2004/48/EC, Directive 2001/29/EC, Directive (EU) 2016/943, Directive (EU) 2019/790 and Regulation (EU) No 536/2014.

#### **Amendment 93**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point a a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(aa) activities for reasons of public interest in cases of serious public health threats.

#### Amendment 94

# Proposal for a regulation Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point f

Text proposed by the Commission

(f) development and innovation activities for products or services contributing to public health or social security, or ensuring high levels of quality and safety of health care, of medicinal products or of medical devices;

#### Amendment

(f) development and innovation activities for products or services contributing to public health or social security, or ensuring high levels of quality and safety of health care, of medicinal products or of medical devices, including supporting operational efficiency, improving the patient pathway and postmarket monitoring to identify side effects and adverse events;

#### **Amendment 95**

Proposal for a regulation Article 34 – paragraph 1 – point f a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) development and innovation activities for products or services, including health economics and health outcomes research studies:

# **Amendment 96**

Proposal for a regulation Article 37 – paragraph 1 – point i

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# Text proposed by the Commission

(i) support the development of AI systems, the training, testing and validating of AI systems and the development of harmonised standards and guidelines under Regulation [...] [AI Act COM/2021/206 final] for the training, testing and validation of AI systems in health;

#### Amendment

(i) the data access bodies shall support with expertise the development of AI systems, the training, testing and validating of AI systems and the development of harmonised standards and guidelines under Regulation [...] [AI Act COM/2021/206 final] for the training, testing and validation of AI systems in health.

#### Amendment 97

# Proposal for a regulation Article 41 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Where a data holder is obliged to make electronic health data available under Article 33 or under other Union law or national legislation implementing Union law, it shall cooperate in *good faith* with the health data access bodies, where relevant.

#### Amendment

1. A data holder is obliged to make electronic health data available under Article 33 or under other Union law or national legislation implementing Union law, it shall cooperate in *a methodical and supervised process* with the health data access bodies *and other involved actors*.

#### **Amendment 98**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 42 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

1. Health data access bodies and single data holders may charge fees for making electronic health data available for secondary use. Any fees shall *include and be derived from* the costs related to conducting the procedure for requests, including for assessing a data application or a data request, granting, refusing or amending a data permit pursuant to Articles 45 and 46 or providing an answer to a data request pursuant to Article 47, in

#### Amendment

1. Health data access bodies and single data holders may charge fees for making electronic health data available for secondary use. Any fees shall *be proportionate in relation to* the costs related to conducting the procedure for requests, including for assessing a data application or a data request, granting, refusing or amending a data permit pursuant to Articles 45 and 46 or providing an answer to a data request pursuant to

accordance with Article 6 of Regulation [...] [Data Governance Act COM/2020/767 final]

Article 47, in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation [...] [Data Governance Act COM/2020/767 final]

#### Amendment 99

Proposal for a regulation Article 44 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

3a. The Commission shall, by means of an implementing act, set out rules for risk-based anonymisation methodology, taking into consideration risk factors such as type of use, the safeguards in place, probability of re-identification of patients, sensitivity of type of data.

#### **Amendment 100**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 46 – paragraph 11

Text proposed by the Commission

11. Data users shall make public the results or output of the secondary use of electronic health data, including information relevant for the provision of healthcare, no later than 18 months after the completion of the electronic health data processing or after having received the answer to the data request referred to in Article 47. Those results or output shall only contain anonymised data. The data user shall inform the health data access bodies from which a data permit was obtained and support them to make the information public on health data access bodies' websites. Whenever the data users have used electronic health data in accordance with this Chapter, they shall acknowledge the electronic health data sources and the fact that electronic health data has been obtained in the context of the

#### Amendment

Data users shall make public the 11. results or output of the secondary use of electronic health data, including information relevant for the provision of healthcare, no later than 18 months after the completion of the electronic health data processing or after having received the answer to the data request referred to in Article 47. Those results or output shall only contain anonymised data. The data user shall inform the health data access bodies from which a data permit was obtained and support them to make the information public on health data access bodies' websites without prejudice to IP rights and relevant Union law. Whenever the data users have used electronic health data in accordance with this Chapter, they shall acknowledge the electronic health data sources and the fact that electronic

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health data has been obtained in the context of the EHDS.

#### **Amendment 101**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 49 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Where an applicant requests access to electronic health data only from a single data holder in a single Member State, by way of derogation from Article 45(1), that applicant may file a data access application or a data request directly to the data holder. The data access application shall comply with the requirements set out in Article 45 and the data request shall comply with requirements in Article 47. Multi-country requests and requests requiring a combination of datasets from several data holders *shall* be adressed to health data access bodies.

#### Amendment

Where an applicant requests access to electronic health data only from a single data holder in a single Member State, by way of derogation from Article 45(1), that applicant may file a data access application or a data request directly to the data holder. The applicant may file a data access application or a data request also by other means of sharing health data using existing infrastructures and registries that have established data flows, technical architectures, governance models and data access. The Regulation shall not impede existing data sharing initiatives already in place in Union and Member States in order to enhance the interoperability and data exchange in the internal market. The data access application shall comply with the requirements set out in Article 45 and the data request shall comply with requirements in Article 47. Multi-country requests and requests requiring a combination of datasets from several data holders *may* be adressed to health data access bodies

# **Amendment 102**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 64 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. A European Health Data Space

Amendment

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Board (EHDS Board) is hereby established to facilitate cooperation and the exchange of information among Member States. The EHDS Board shall be composed of the high level representatives of digital health authorities and health data access bodies of all the Member States. Other national authorities, including market surveillance authorities referred to in Article 28, European Data Protection Board and European Data Protection Supervisor *may* be invited to the meetings, where the issues discussed are of relevance for them. The Board may also invite experts and observers to attend its meetings, and may cooperate with other external experts as appropriate. Other Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies, research infrastructures and other similar structures shall have an observer role.

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# **Amendment 103**

Proposal for a regulation Article 65 – paragraph 1 – point e a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ea) to advise the Commission and Member States on the status of achieving cross-border health data interoperability in respect to the primary use of electronic health data;

#### **Amendment 104**

Proposal for a regulation Article 65 – paragraph 1 – point e b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(eb) to advise the Commission and Member States on the status of achieving cross-border health data interoperability

# in respect to the secondary use of electronic health data.

#### **Amendment 105**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 67 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Inter-institutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.

## Amendment

4. Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State *and relevant stakeholders*, in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making.

#### **Amendment 106**

Proposal for a regulation Article 68 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

2a. In accordance with the Inter-Institutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making, the Commission shall make use of expert groups, consult targeted stakeholders and carry out public consultations to gather broader expertise in the early preparation of draft implementing acts.

#### **Amendment 107**

Proposal for a regulation Article 69 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Member States shall lay down the rules on

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penalties applicable to infringements of this Regulation and shall take all measures necessary to ensure that they are implemented. The penalties shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive. Member States shall notify the Commission of those rules and measures by date of application of this Regulation and shall notify the Commission without delay of any subsequent amendment affecting them.

penalties applicable to infringements of this Regulation and shall take all measures necessary to ensure that they are *properly and effectively* implemented. The penalties shall be effective, proportionate and dissuasive. Member States shall notify the Commission of those rules and measures by date of application of this Regulation and shall notify the Commission without delay of any subsequent amendment affecting them.

#### Amendment 108

Proposal for a regulation Article 69 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

1a. Penalties shall cover infringements not addressed by Regulation (EU) 2017/745, Regulation (EU) 2017/746, Regulation (EU) No 536/2014 and Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and shall depend on the circumstances of each individual case. When deciding whether to impose a penalty and deciding on the amount of the penalty in each individual case, due regard shall be given to the criteria stated in Article 83(2) of Regulation (EU) 2016/679, where applicable.

**Amendment 109** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 69 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. Penalties shall at least include fines proportionate to the extent of noncompliance and to the turnover of the relevant economic operator. Fines shall

be calculated in such a way as to make sure that they effectively deprive the economic operator of the economic benefits derived from their infringements. Fines shall be gradually increased for repeated infringements.

#### Amendment 110

Proposal for a regulation Article 69 – paragraph 1 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1c. If the EHR system provider or data holder intentionally or negligently, for the same or linked operations, infringes several provisions of this Regulation, the total amount of the penalty shall not exceed the amount specified for the gravest infringement.

# **Amendment 111**

Proposal for a regulation Article 69 – paragraph 1 d (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1d. The exercise by the supervisory authority of its powers under this Article shall be subject to appropriate procedural safeguards in accordance with Union and national law, including effective judicial remedy and due process.

# **Amendment 112**

Proposal for a regulation Article 69 – paragraph 1 e (new)

# Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

1e. Where the law of the Member State does not provide for penalties, this Article may be applied in such a manner that the fine is initiated by the competent supervisory authority and imposed by competent national courts, while ensuring that those legal remedies are effective and have an equivalent effect to the penalties imposed by supervisory authorities.

#### **Amendment 113**

Proposal for a regulation Article 69 – paragraph 1 f (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

1f. Member States shall ensure that any decision containing penalties related to the breach of the provisions of this Regulation is published no later than one month after the penalty is imposed.

#### Amendment 114

# Proposal for a regulation Article 70 – paragraph 1

*Text proposed by the Commission* 

1. After 5 years from the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall carry out a targeted evaluation of this Regulation especially with regards to Chapter III, and submit a report on its main findings to the European Parliament and to the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, accompanied, where appropriate, by a proposal for its amendment. The evaluation shall include an assessment of *the* self-certification of EHR systems and reflect on the need to

# Amendment

1. After 5 years from the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall carry out a targeted evaluation of this Regulation especially with regards to Chapter III, and submit a report on its main findings to the European Parliament and to the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, accompanied, where appropriate, by a proposal for its amendment. The evaluation shall include an assessment of:

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introduce a conformity assessment procedure performed by notified bodies.

- (a) the effectiveness of self-certification of EHR systems and reflect on the need to introduce a conformity assessment procedure performed by notified bodies or any other measure to facilitate market surveillance of EHR systems and ensure the functioning of the market; Member States shall provide the data and information necessary to conduct a thorough assessment;
- (b) impacts of EHR systems on health outcomes for patients;
- (c) impacts of EHR systems on healthcare economic performance;
- (d) security, resilience and flexibility of the EHR systems and secondary data sharing framework in order to assess the readiness for potential future crisis;
- (e) interoperability model in place in Member States, including best practices analysis;
- (f) quality and coverage of access of health professionals to the medical records of patients per Member State, including impact on reduction of duplications and errors and reduction of administration time and costs;
- (g) overlaps and incoherences with other Union and national legislation, including the quantification of related extra costs of overlaps and related regulatory uncertainty. Inter alia, the assessment shall analyse alignment with the General Data Protection Regulation, Data Governance Act, Data Act, AI Act and Regulations on cybersecurity.

**Amendment 115** 

Proposal for a regulation Article 70 – paragraph 2

# Text proposed by the Commission

2. After 7 years from the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall carry out an overall evaluation of this Regulation, and submit a report on its main findings to the European Parliament and to the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, accompanied, where appropriate, by a proposal for its amendment.

#### Amendment

2. After 7 years from the entry into force of this Regulation, the Commission shall carry out an overall evaluation of this Regulation, and submit a report on its main findings to the European Parliament and to the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions, accompanied, where appropriate, by a proposal for its amendment. The overall evaluation shall also identify best practices and assess the health outcomes for patients and consumers resulting from implementation of the EHDS.

## **Amendment 116**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 70 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall provide the Commission with the information necessary for the preparation of that report.

#### Amendment

3. Member States shall provide the Commission with the information necessary for the preparation of that report and shall report to the Commission on the common indicators.

#### **Amendment 117**

Proposal for a regulation Article 70 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

#### Amendment

- 3a. The Commission shall be empowered to adopt, by ... [12 months after the date of entry into force of this Regulation], delegated acts to supplement this Regulation in order to
- (a) set out the common result and

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impact oriented indicators to be used for reporting on the progress and for the purpose of monitoring and evaluation of this Regulation;

- (b) measure the costs, benefits and other health and economic results including trends per Member State in order to compare the effectiveness of implementation of this Regulation; and
- (c) define a methodology for reporting by Member States.

The Commission shall regularly revise and, if necessary, update the common indicators.

#### **Amendment 118**

# Proposal for a regulation Article 72 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) from *1 year* after date of entry into application to categories of personal electronic health data referred to in Article 5(1), points (a), (b) and (c), and to EHR systems intended by the manufacturer to process such categories of data.;

#### Amendment

(a) from *3 years* after date of entry into application to categories of personal electronic health data referred to in Article 5(1), points (a), (b) and (c), and to EHR systems intended by the manufacturer to process such categories of data;

#### Amendment 119

# Proposal for a regulation Annex II – point 3 – point 3.1

Text proposed by the Commission

3.1. An EHR system shall be designed and developed in such a way that it ensures safe and secure processing of electronic health data, and that it prevents unauthorised access to such data.

# Amendment

3.1. An EHR system shall be designed and developed in such a way that it ensures safe and secure processing of electronic health data, and that it prevents unauthorised access to such data, and that it duly takes into consideration the principles of data minimization and data

# protection by design.

## **Amendment 120**

# Proposal for a regulation Annex II – point 3 – point 3.8

Text proposed by the Commission

3.8. An EHR system designed for the storage of electronic health data shall support different retention periods and access rights that take into account the origins and categories of electronic health data.

#### Amendment

3.8. An EHR system designed for the storage of electronic health data shall support different retention periods and access rights that take into account the origins and categories of electronic health data and the specific purpose of the data processing operations.

# ANNEX: LIST OF ENTITIES OR PERSONS FROM WHOM THE RAPPORTEUR HAS RECEIVED INPUT

The following list is drawn up on a purely voluntary basis under the exclusive responsibility of the rapporteur. The rapporteur has received input from the following entities or persons in the preparation of the draft opinion:

| Entity and/or person         |
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| DIGITALEUROPE                |
| COCIR                        |
| EDPB                         |
| EDPS                         |
| BEUC                         |
| Medtech Europe               |
| Roche                        |
| AmCham                       |
| European Cancer Organisation |
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# PROCEDURE - COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

| Title   | European Health Data Space  |                  |           |
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| References  | COM(2022)0197 – C9-0167/2022 – 2022/0140(COD)   |                  |           |
| Committees responsible Date announced in plenary              | ENVI<br>6.6.2022  | LIBE<br>6.6.2022 |           |
| Opinion by Date announced in plenary                          | IMCO<br>6.6.2022  |                  |           |
| Associated committees - date announced in plenary             | 16.2.2023   |                  |           |
| Rapporteur for the opinion Date appointed                     | Andrey Kovatche<br>8.7.2022   | ev               |           |
| Rule 58 – Joint committee procedure Date announced in plenary | 16.2.2023   |                  |           |
| Discussed in committee  | 1.3.2023  | 28.3.2023        | 25.4.2023 |
| Date adopted  | 23.5.2023   |                  |           |
| Result of final vote  | +:<br>-:<br>0:  | 39<br>0<br>1     |           |
| Members present for the final vote                            | Alex Agius Saliba, Andrus Ansip, Alessandra Basso, Adam Bielan, Biljana Borzan, Vlad-Marius Botoş, Anna Cavazzini, Dita Charanzová, Deirdre Clune, David Cormand, Alexandra Geese, Sandro Gozi, Krzysztof Hetman, Eugen Jurzyca, Arba Kokalari, Kateřina Konečná, Andrey Kovatchev, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques, Morten Løkkegaard, Adriana Maldonado López, Leszek Miller, Anne-Sophie Pelletier, Christel Schaldemose, Andreas Schwab, Tomislav Sokol, Ivan Štefanec, Róża Thun und Hohenstein, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Marion Walsmann |                  |           |
| Substitutes present for the final vote                        | Marc Angel, Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Christian Doleschal,<br>Carlo Fidanza, Claude Gruffat, Ivars Ijabs, Katrin Langensiepen,<br>Antonio Maria Rinaldi, Edina Tóth  |                  |           |
| Substitutes under Rule 209(7) present for the final vote      | Elisabetta Gualmini, Francisco José Millán Mon  |                  |           |

# FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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| ECR       | Adam Bielan, Carlo Fidanza, Eugen Jurzyca   |
| ID        | Alessandra Basso, Antonio Maria Rinaldi   |
| NI        | Edina Tóth  |
| PPE       | Anna-Michelle Asimakopoulou, Deirdre Clune, Christian Doleschal, Krzysztof Hetman, Arba Kokalari, Andrey Kovatchev, Francisco José Millán Mon, Andreas Schwab, Tomislav Sokol, Ivan Štefanec, Tom Vandenkendelaere, Marion Walsmann |
| Renew     | Andrus Ansip, Vlad-Marius Botoş, Dita Charanzová, Sandro Gozi, Ivars Ijabs, Morten Løkkegaard, Róża<br>Thun und Hohenstein  |
| S&D       | Alex Agius Saliba, Marc Angel, Biljana Borzan, Elisabetta Gualmini, Maria-Manuel Leitão-Marques,<br>Adriana Maldonado López, Leszek Miller, Christel Schaldemose  |
| The Left  | Kateřina Konečná  |
| Verts/ALE | Anna Cavazzini, David Cormand, Alexandra Geese, Claude Gruffat, Katrin Langensiepen   |

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| The Left | Anne-Sophie Pelletier |

Key to symbols: + : in favour - : against 0 : abstention