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Subject: Digital transformation of health and care

The Commission wants to bring about a rapid digital transformation of health and care at European level. To achieve this, it proposes the transformation that will be needed in the current approach to healthcare across Member States.

The Commission wishes to encourage the use and development of digital media in the different phases of an integrated vision of healthcare – disease prevention, early detection and diagnosis, treatment, care and follow-up. This is to be implemented while ensuring targeted research, the training of caregivers and healthcare professionals, and the provision of information to patients.

1. What is the Commission planning to do to ensure that healthcare professionals are qualified and equipped with the appropriate digital skills? Equally important, how does the Commission intend to help Member States and regions in disseminating the knowledge and skills needed by citizens and patients who use digital healthcare solutions?
2. At each stage of the process how does the Commission intend to guarantee patient confidentiality? How will it guarantee the security and independence of eHealth and mHealth software solutions and connected objects?
3. Does the Commission agree that people must remain the central concern of in the changes to healthcare brought about by the digital revolution?
4. What actions does the Commission intend to take to ensure that patients have secure access to their data and to information on the decision-making process of healthcare professionals on therapeutic choices, treatment and care?

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