A Step Forward

to Remove the existing Barriers to

Cross-border Telehealth in the EU

14th May, 2021 | 14H CEST
Dear Participant,

We are delighted to invite you to participate in the workshop **“A Step Forward to Remove the Existing Barriers to Cross-border Telehealth in the EU”**, the final of a two series event organized within the scope of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

This workshop aims to set in motion a shift towards overcoming the existing barriers to cross-border telehealth in order to promote safe and high-quality services to citizens and health professionals in the EU.

To achieve this purpose, the barriers and enablers identified in the 1st workshop need to be addressed (see figure below):

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**How can we remove the existing Barriers to Cross-border Telehealth in the EU?**

**How can we leverage the benefits of Cross-border Telehealth to Citizens in the EU?**

In this regard, several experts will present their views and a discussion panel will follow, where the audience is invited to contribute with solutions to overcome:

- Legal & regulatory
- Organization & Financial
- Technical
- Clinical & Cultural

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**Exact Date and Time**
Friday, 14th May 2021 at 14h CEST

**Location Details**
The link for the virtual room
https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwtfuiuqzMvEtab6KUExYzL3W75I8MlutX-

**Duration of the Event**
Afternoon session, 14h00 - 16:40 CEST

Looking forward to meeting you!
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<td>Luis Goes Pinheiro President of the Board of Directors of the Shared Services of the Ministry of Health, SPMS</td>
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<td>Telehealth in the EU</td>
<td><em>The Changing Paradigm of Telehealth: HIMSS Research of European Trends</em> Angela Velkova Director of Communities and Strategic Relations, EMEA, HIMSS</td>
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| 14:25 | Legal & Regulatory | Learnings from existing practices  
*Medical liability and standard of care in telemedicine*  
Vera Raposo  
Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of Macau University  
Panel discussion  
*How can Member States cooperate towards harmonization?*  
Petra Wilson  
European Program Director, Personal Connected Health Alliance  
Irene Schlünder  
Technology, Methods, and Infrastructure for Networked Medical Research, Germany  
Mary Kirwan  
Ethics lecturer, Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland  
TBC  
Representative of Digital Health Agency (ANS), France |
| 14:55 | Organisational & Financial      | National and Cross-Border Approaches  
*Support and Management System for Patient Mobility Requesting Medical Assistance Abroad*  
Joana Barracosa  
Project Manager, Resource Management System Unit, SPMS  
Panel discussion  
*How can Member States foster convivial environments?*  
Frederick Lievens  
Vice Executive Director of the International Society for Telemedicine & eHealth (ISfTeH)  
Annemieke Ålenius  
Deputy Director General, Swedish eHealth Agency  
Luis Gonçalves  
Founder and Honorary President of Iberian Telemedicine and Telehealth Society (SITT) |
| 15:25 | Coffee Break                    |                                                                          |
| 15:35 | Technical | Promoting Interoperable Solutions  
*Will telehealth policies persist after COVID-19? an HL7 standards viewpoint*  
Catherine Chronaki  
Secretary General, HL7 Europe  
Panel discussion  
*How can Member States be encouraged to implement interoperable solutions?*  
Catherine Chronaki  
Secretary General, HL7 Europe  
Nicole Denjoy  
Secretary General, COCIR  
Vincent van Pelt  
Senior advisor, Nictiz |
| 16:05 | Clinical & Cultural            | Ensuring citizens and professional trust in telehealth  
*Telemedicine applications in clinical practice*  
Kristina Groth  
Responsible for the Innovation Program Healthcare at a Distance Centre for Innovation, Karolinska University Hospital  
Panel discussion  
*How can Member States foster telehealth awareness?*  
Kristina Groth  
Responsible for the Innovation Program Healthcare at a Distance Centre for Innovation, Karolinska University Hospital  
Ana Carriazo  
Senior advisor at the Regional Ministry of Health and Families of Andalusia  
Rafael Franco  
National Telehealth Centre, Shared Services of the Ministry of Health, SPMS |
| 16:35 | Closing remarks                |                                                                          |
About the Cross-Border Telehealth Initiative
A Step Forward to Remove the existing Barriers to Cross-border Telehealth in the EU

The Portuguese Presidency believes that this is the momentum to address the existing barriers hampering cross-border telehealth in an inclusive and transparent manner, so that Member States can leverage from the potential of telehealth to build a stronger and dynamic digital health ecosystem that ultimately benefits citizens across EU.

Building upon the outcome of the 1st workshop (19th March), in which participants were challenged to identify relevant barriers and enablers to cross-border telehealth, it was concluded that important steps are already underway, thus there is a good basis to create joint cross-border solutions to overcome existing barriers.

On this basis, the 2nd workshop intends to promote a creative environment where the participants are challenged to share good practices and innovative solutions so to take a step forward to remove the existing Barriers to Cross-border Telehealth in the EU.
Objectives

This 2nd and final workshop aims to foster a cooperative environment where the participants can share their views and solutions to remove the existing barriers to cross-border telehealth. In doing so, this workshop will provide a platform to discuss creative and innovative solutions, as well as share good practices, to set in motion a shift towards overcoming existing challenges.

The objective of this workshop is to support a Policy Statement on EU Digital Transformation in Healthcare and the removal of existing barriers to cross-border telehealth, which will be presented to the EPSCO Council and the eHealth Network in June 2021.

Scope and Methodology

This virtual workshop is organized in four main sessions (i) Legal & Regulatory, (ii) Organizational & Financial, (iii) Technical, and (iv) Clinical & Cultural to create a collaborative platform so that the eHealth community and relevant experts can discuss in a cooperative manner the challenges and enablers to telehealth at the cross-border level.

Expected Outcomes

From a comprehensive discussion on the key barriers and enablers identified in the 1st workshop, the discussion promoted in the 2nd workshop will shed the light on how barriers can be removed. The results obtained in this event will be considered for the Policy Statement and the Non-Paper developed within the scope of the Digital Health Initiative of the Portuguese Presidency.

Addressees

- eHealth Health Advisors and Experts
- eHealth National / Regional Representatives
- eHealth Network Representatives
- Telehealth Competent Authorities
- Telehealth Experts
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