

TEHDAS WP4: Mapping exercise and country visits

Within the Joint Action [Towards the European Health Data Space](#) (TEHDAS), work package (WP) 4, task 4.1, aims to carry out a mapping exercise among Member States and Associated Countries, to engage with national stakeholders and provide an overview of the state-of-play of the national health data management developments in relation to a future European Health Data Space (EHDS).

This **mapping exercise** will take place in the form of country visits (virtual or face-to-face) in which national stakeholders working with health data will be interviewed. The following domains will be covered: data sources, data quality, data infrastructure, data storage, data access, data interoperability, data governance, resources and the EHDS. This mapping exercise and tool is based on a World Health Organisation tool revised by InfAct. Each mapping exercise includes a preparatory desk review, semi-structured interviews with local stakeholders and a final report with a one-page fact sheet for every country.

Objectives

For the country being mapped:

- 1) An opportunity to bring together stakeholders involved in the health information system (HIS).
- 2) An overview of the current situation in your country regarding health data management and the regulations supporting health data exchange for secondary use.
- 3) A possibility to influence the European Commission's legislative proposal of the EHDS with country's needs and expectations.
- 4) An insight into the current state of the national HIS to potentially join the EHDS (structurally and politically) and the awareness thereof among stakeholders.
- 5) An opportunity to identify the capacity building needs and link with training opportunities.

For the TEHDAS Joint Action and the European Commission:

- 1) To map the state-of-play of the national health data management developments and their organisation in relation to a future EHDS.
- 2) To reflect on the needs and expectations at national level and reflect on how TEHDAS and the EHDS can respond to them.
- 3) To identify the human and financial resources needed for various European countries to potentially join and link to a future EHDS and become national nodes.
- 4) To support the building of a sustainable and pragmatic EHDS.

Roles

Assessors are TEHDAS work package 4 partners. These assessors will carry out the mapping exercise and interviews.

The country contact person will act as the national liaison, providing the assessors with relevant documentation and organizing the interviews with the local stakeholders.

Timeline

A call for expression of interest was launched in September 2021 to identify the countries willing to participate in the mapping exercise. Then, a workshop for the assessors and country contact persons was organised before starting the country visits on 21 October 2021. The country visits will be carried out in selected countries participating in the TEHDAS consortium from December 2021 to December 2022. The progression of the work and the final results will be presented to relevant stakeholders in two general meetings before summer 2022 and early 2023.