## Abstract

European Patients Smart Open Services (epSOS) aims to design, build, and evaluate a service infrastructure that demonstrates cross-border interoperability between electronic health record systems in Europe.

## Mission

epSOS aims to offer seamless healthcare to European citizens. Key goals are to improve the quality and safety of healthcare for citizens when travelling to another European country. Moreover, it concentrates on developing a practical eHealth framework and ICT infrastructure that enables secure access to patient health information among different European healthcare systems. epSOS can make a significant contribution to patient safety by reducing the frequency of medical errors and by providing quick access to documentation as well as by increasing accessibility of ones prescribed medicine also abroad. In emergency situations, this documentation provides the medical personnel with life-saving information and reduces the (sometimes needless) repetition of diagnostic procedures.

The technical, legal, and organizational concepts developed within the framework of the project are
subject to an extensive practical testing phase lasted until the end of the project.

Consortium History

July 1, 2008: Project start date
June 2014: Project end date

Structure & Governance

Work on the strategic level is primarily carried out by the Project Steering Board (PSB) with the support of the epSOS General Assembly (EGA). On the operational level the participating nations (PN) and national epSOS pilot coordinator (NEPC) contribute to the epSOS project in the particular Work Packages (WPs) and Key Tasks (KTs).

The Project Management Team coordinates working processes and represents the interface between strategic and operational level. After the project internal quality review process, the project coordinator officially submits the produced deliverables to the European Commission.

Project Management consists of the following bodies and positions:

Financing

The project cost is €36.5 million, co-funded by the European Commission Competitiveness and Innovation Programme (CIP) within the ICT Policy Support Programme.

Patent Engagement

Corporate Social Responsibility
The epSOS project is about people’s cross-border healthcare and safety as well as about trust. The project members emphasize this fact by setting up a high level of ethics standards as part of project
culture. These standards are based on integrity, respect, consent, and transparency of information and behavior according to national and European legal regulations. These efforts are aimed at generating and maintaining confidence among all stakeholders and encouraging project participants to act in a fair and responsible way.

Responsibility and Sustainability

Many of project members represent the national health authorities of different European countries. They are not only responsible for their own national health system, but also for making their knowledge available within the European context. It is their common goal to identify and define sustainable know-how for Europe in this field, thus facilitating a closer cooperation between nations through the sharing of experiences and information.

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