

# **EHDS and TEHDAS**

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# Digital transformation of health and care

*We need to make the most of the potential of e-health to provide **high-quality healthcare and reduce inequalities.***

*I want you to work on the creation of a **European Health Data Space** to promote **health-data exchange and support research on new preventive strategies**, as well as on **treatments, medicines, medical devices and outcomes.***

*As part of this, you should ensure **citizens have control** over their own **personal data.***



Mission letter of Stella Kyriakides  
Commissioner for Health

- Health challenges
  - Accessibility, affordability and availability of care
  - Health threats (COVID-19)
  - Ageing population
  - Chronic diseases
  - Cancer (Europe's Cancer Beating Plan)
  - Mental health
  - *And so many other...*

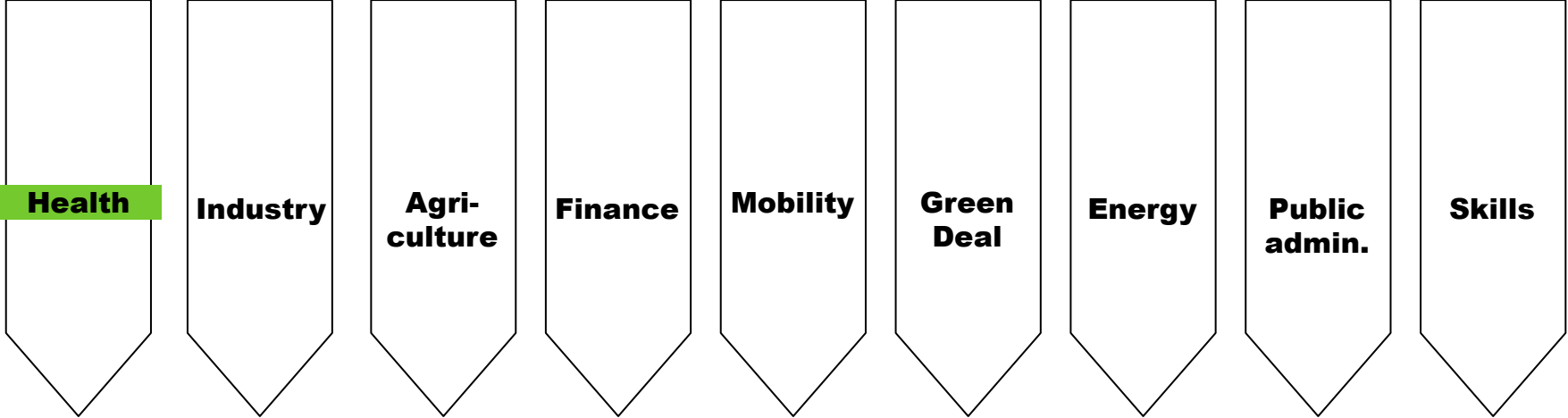
**Rich pool of data**  
with a varying degree of accessibility

**Free flow of data**  
across sectors and countries

**GDPR, DSA, DGA, AI, Data Act et al.**  
and their full respect

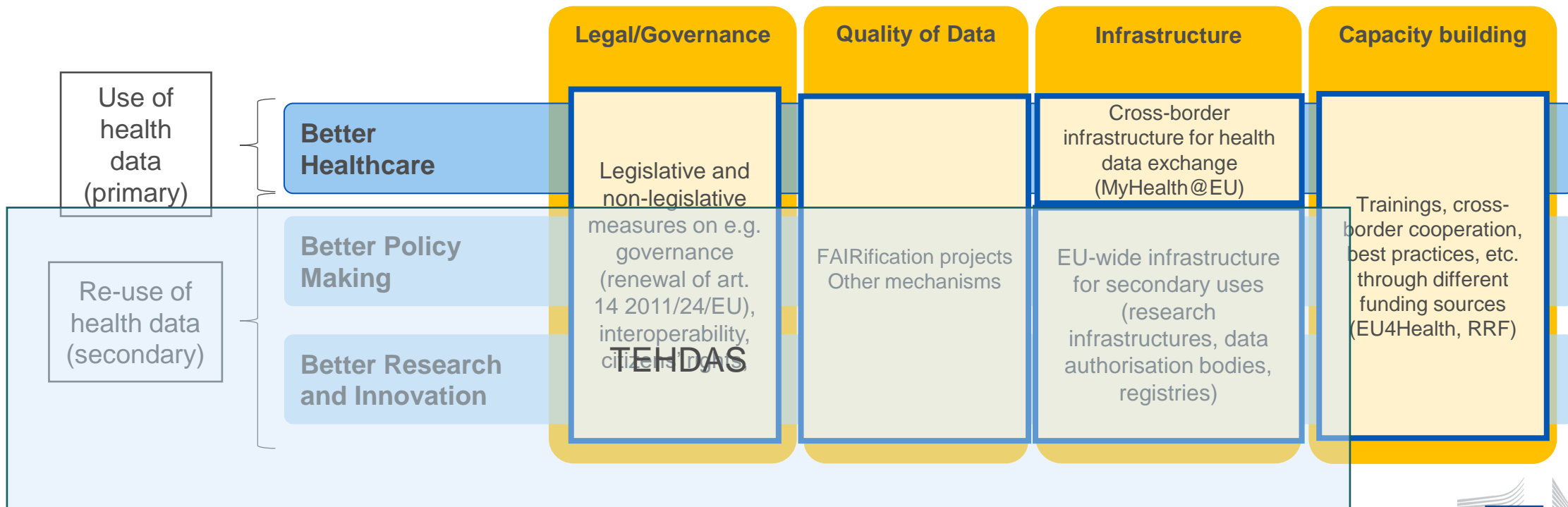
**Horizontal framework**  
for data governance and data access

- **Technical tools** for data pooling and sharing
- **Standards and interoperability** (technical, semantic)
- **Sectoral Data Governance** (contracts, licenses, access and usage rights)
- **IT capacity** (cloud storage, processing, services)



**Services**  
Collecting, combining, enriching and refining data into information and insights

# Primary and secondary uses of health data



Political will

Mindset

# What has been missing?

Enabling infrastructure

Common rules



**2020-09-16, Commission President von der Leyen, State of the Union**

- "We need common data spaces - for example, in the energy or healthcare sectors. This will support innovation ecosystems in which universities, companies and researchers can access and collaborate on data."

**2020-10-02, European Council, Summit Conclusions**

- "The European Council welcomes the creation of common **European data spaces** in strategic sectors, and in particular invites the Commission to give priority to the health data, which should be set up by the end of 2021."

**2020-10-19, Commission work programme 2021**

- Plan: Legislative proposal for **the European health data space**, incl. impact assessment, Articles 114 and 168 TFEU, Q4 2021

**2021-03-30 President of the European Council and the Director-General of the WHO**

- World leaders call for new international treaty to improve pandemic response. "...enhancing international cooperation to improve, for example, alert systems, data-sharing, research.."

**2021-04-20, Angela Merkel**

- "EU 'probably' needs treaty changes, especially for health policy"

**2021-04-21, Commissioner Stella Kyriakides**

- "We're putting the structures in place," "We cannot work with ad-hoc solutions anymore."

**2021-06-04, G7 Health Ministers Declaration**

- Sharing health data internationally is crucial to health policy, delivery of care, and regulatory and surveillance activities, data intensive technologies on common purposes and in a defined secured framework, such as the **European Health Data Space**.



# Why EU?

## Yes we can

Treaty changes?

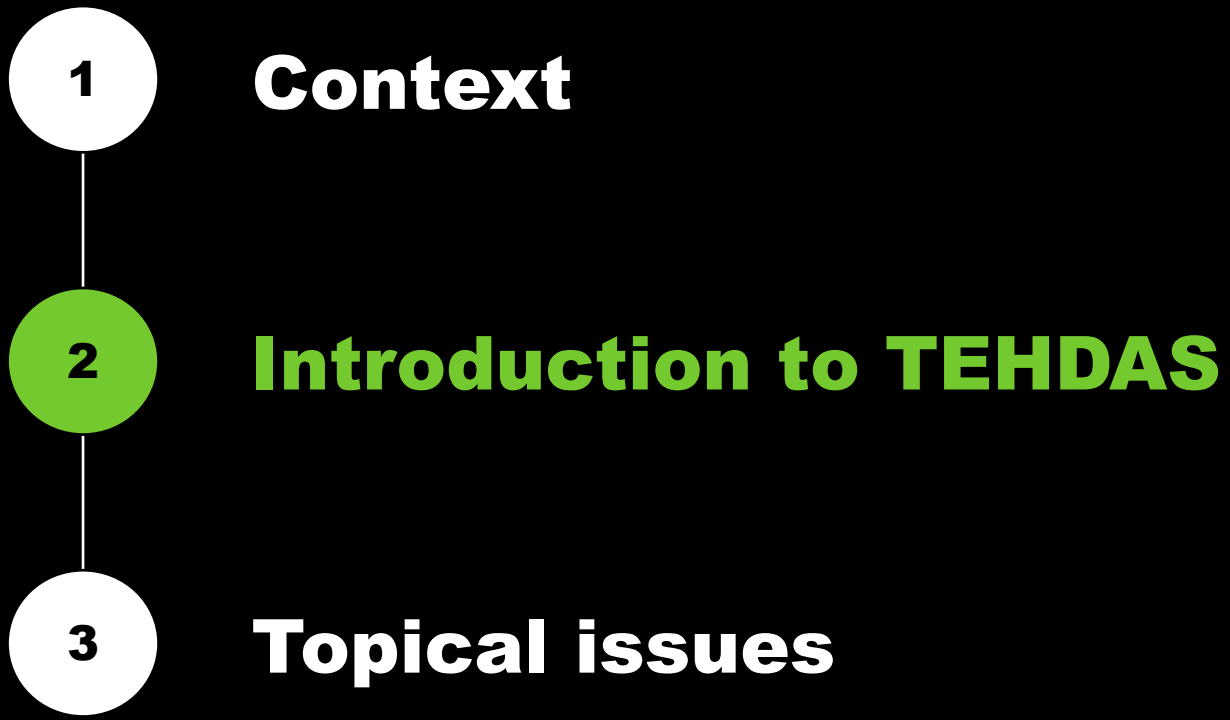
TFEU 114  
Internal markets

TFEU 16  
Data protection

TFEU 168  
Cross-border  
healthcare







# TEHDAS in a nutshell

**Project coordinator**

The Finnish Innovation Fund Sitra

**Project acronym**

TEHDAS

**Start date**

1 February 2021

**Duration**

30 months

**Participants**

25 European countries

**Co-funding**

€4.16 M (EU €2.5 + MS €1.66)

**Work packages**

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**Websites**

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# Vision and mission



The Joint Action helps the Member States and the Commission in  
**developing and promoting  
concepts for sharing of data in  
secondary use for purposes**  
for citizens' health, public health, as well as  
health research & innovation in Europe.

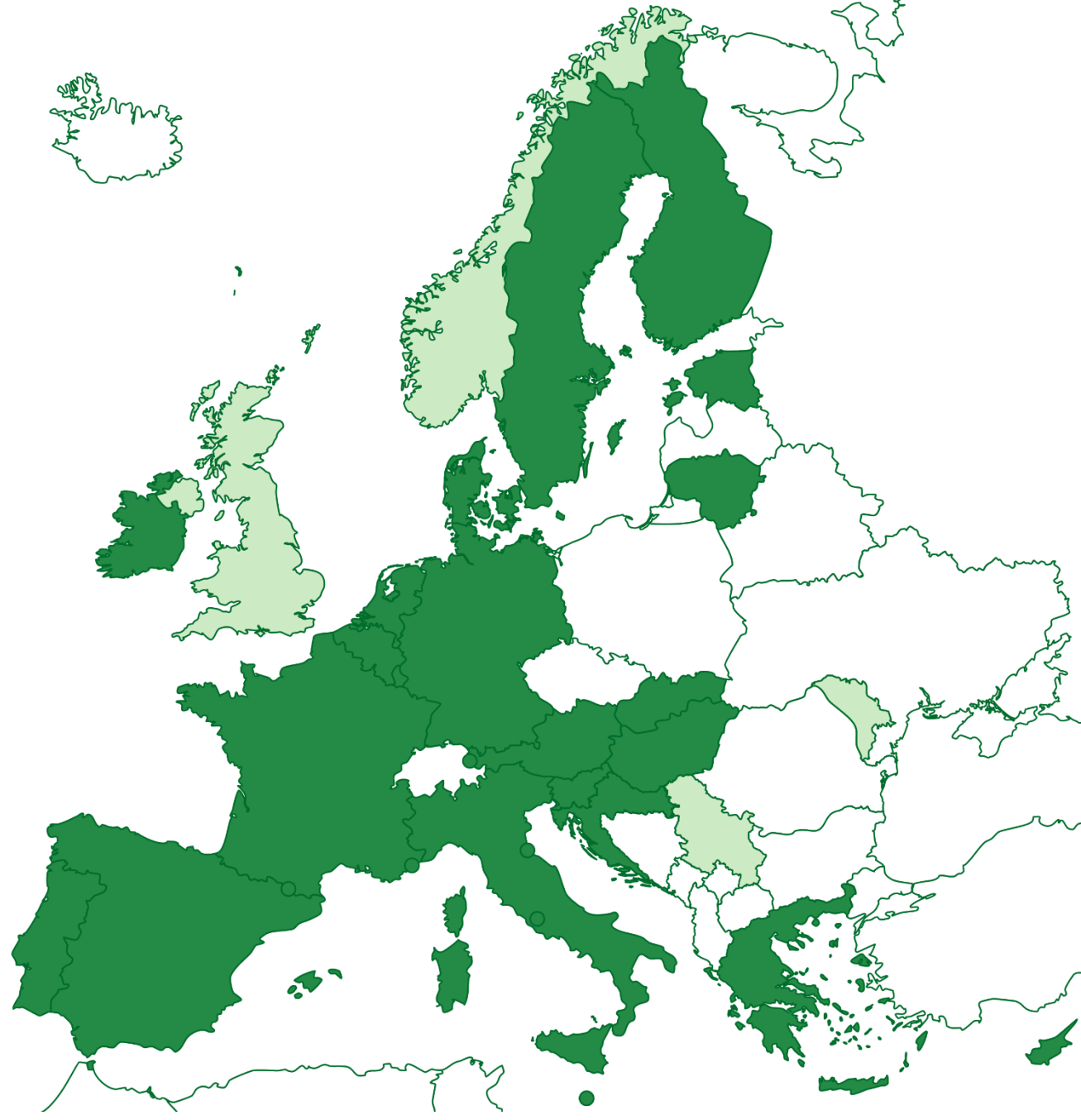


In the future Europe, citizens, communities and companies benefit from a **protected and secure access to seamless health data** regardless where it is stored.



# Participants

- EU member states (21)
- Non-EU member states (4)
- Non-participating states



# What TEHDAS is

1. Creates concepts for the secondary use of health data in Europe
2. A preparatory body
3. A project between beneficiaries nominated by Member States
4. Co-funded by the EU Health Programme
5. Clear scope with defined Deliverables and timeline



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The Health Programme  
of the European Union

# What TEHDAS is not

1. Creates concepts for primary use of health data in Europe
2. A legislative/executive body
3. Defines the EHDS
4. Builds working IT solutions
5. Pilots use-cases / exchange data
6. Part of Horizon Europe
7. Creates a code of conduct for health data usage

The needs, expectations and views of stakeholders on economic sustainability



Options for governance models for data-sharing at EU level, in particular networking for secondary use

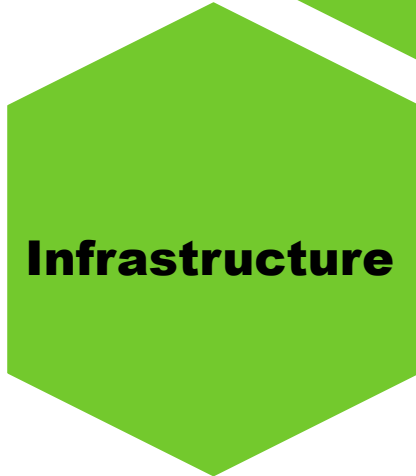


**Secondary use of health data**



Availability of comparable high-quality health data for research and innovation

Definitions, good practices and use cases of GDPR-compliant data altruism



Shared European data infrastructures across the EU (cf. eHDSI)

Citizen perception of health data and data-sharing practices





# First result out in June!

- Why Health is a Special Case for Data Governance? (June)

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# **EHDS Consultation open**

03 May 2021 - 26 July 2021

[https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12663-A-European-Health-Data-Space/public-consultation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12663-A-European-Health-Data-Space/public-consultation_en)

# **Kansallinen asiantuntijaryhmä**

23.06.2021 klo 13:00 - 15:00

<https://www.sitra.fi/tapahtumat/tehdas-yhteistoimintahankkeen-kansallisen-asiantuntijaryhman-kokous-3/>

# **TEHDAS Stakeholder Forum**

October in Helsinki – Stay tuned!



# Join the dialogue!

We encourage you to participate in a dialogue about the European Health Data Space. Follow us on Twitter @tehdas and tag us in your tweets.

Sign up to our TEHDAS Newsletter via our website [tehdas.eu/contact](http://tehdas.eu/contact).

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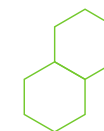
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