EU-US eHealth/ Health IT MoU Updated Roadmap Webinar
Update consultation on new Roadmap Work-stream 'Supporting Transatlantic eHealth/Health IT Innovation Ecosystems'

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Background

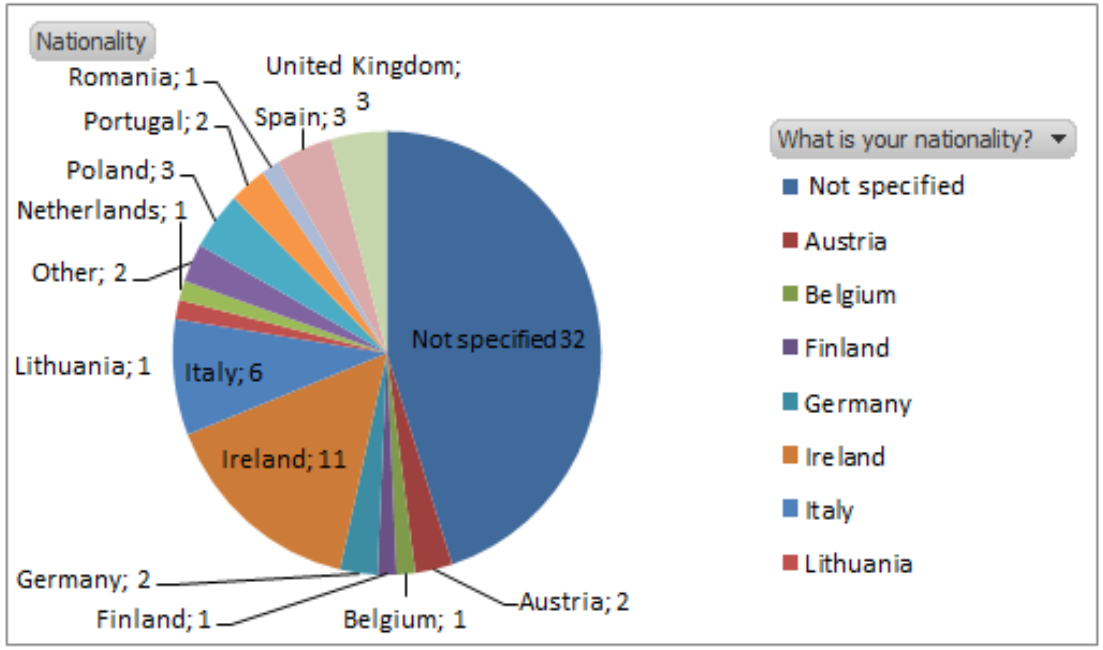
Memorandum of Understanding

In December 2010, the European Commission and the US Dept. of Health and Human Services signed a **Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)** to:

- Help facilitate more effective uses of eHealth/Health IT;
- Strengthen their international relationship; and
- Support global cooperation in the area of health related information and communication technologies

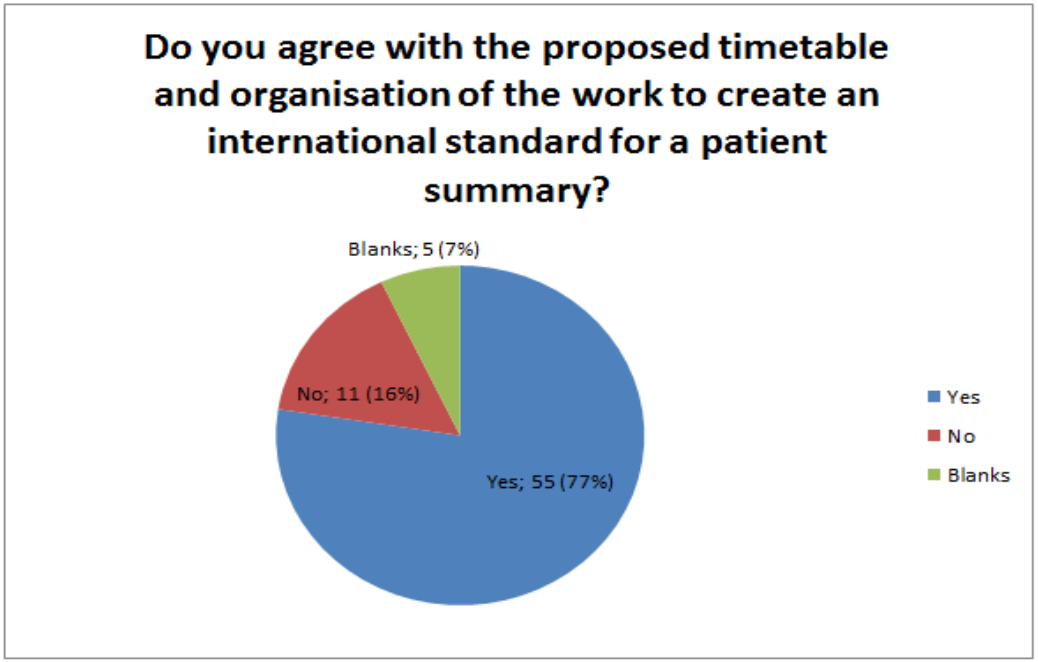
EU US roadmap
Consultation feedback

Geographical coverage



The consultation gathered 71 replies from stakeholders in at least 7 EU countries.

1. Do you agree with the proposed timetable and organisation of the work to create an international standard for a patient summary?



The vast majority of respondents defended the view that the proposed timetable and organisation of the work to create an international standard for a patient summary was adequate.

2. Are there areas of technical standards work missing that would be important to the success of the international patient summary record work?

The vast majority of the respondents considered that there was a ***need for a harmonised use of clinical terms and models****.*

Some technical standards and terminology services should made ***more easily available and broader adoption of existing standards*** *was seen as a key factor for success.*

The most commonly mentioned standards and terminologies were ***HL7, FHIR, SNOMED, IDMP, DICOM and IHE specifications.***

HL7 along with Joint Initiative Council *were seen as the right stakeholders to carry out this standardisation activity.*

Moreover, some stakeholders mentioned ***eIdentification and security*** *as another key success factor.*

3. What are the best use cases for the International Patient Summary to address at a global scale (e.g., emergency, disaster, migration, tourism)?

In order of preference, the respondents put forth the following use cases:
(a) ***Tourism***
(b) ***Emergency***
(c) Migration
(d) Disaster

Some spontaneous use cases were also mentioned, such as ***short-term occupational re-deployment*** *(e.g. for business reasons or students).*

Other use cases included population health, with ideas related to ***global cohorts of patients for global clinical trials****.*

4. What specific privacy and security requirements or practices could improve and allow for the exchange of health data for the purposes of clinical care across borders?

Most respondents considered that the security requirements needed to be strengthen with ***systemic end-to-end security mechanisms (e.g. encryption, eID…)*** *to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and liability while exchanging patient summaries.*

Legal agreements and policies would need also to be further investigated *for supporting cross-countries care.*

Other suggestions to improve and allow cross-border exchange of health data included the need for an additional action to ***deliver data privacy and security training materials for all stakeholders involved****.*

Please Join us at the EU US session tomorrow!!

Thursday, 9th of April, 1:30pm, Room D.

1. ***International Patient Summary***
2. ***Identification of Medicinal Products***

Thank you!