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STUDY ON BIG DATA IN PUBLIC HEALTH, TELEMEDICINE AND HEALTHCARE

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In its recently adopted conclusion on open, data-intensive and networked research as a driver for faster and wider innovation, the European Council calls for action regarding the identification of sectoral priorities for research and innovation with the greatest potential for social and economic benefits in the data economy. The European Council is also emphasising the importance of the digital economy and recognizes its high potential as well as the need for a strong data value chain in Europe. Accordingly, both the European Council and Member States are willing to set the necessary steps to enhance data innovation, especially in the light of the exponential increase of data, highlighting that making data discoverable, accessible, assessable, reusable and interoperable is the key to innovation. Following this, CHAFEA / DG SANTE commissioned a study on "Big Data in Public Health, Telemedicine and Healthcare". The study aims to identify applicable examples of use of Big Data in Health and develop policy recommendations for their implementation in the European Union. In order to validate and refine the policy recommendations that were developed together with an expert group in the course of the study, the recommendations are presented and discussed at different European conferences. The comments and discussion during these conferences will be recorded in writing and will be taken into account for the final version of the policy recommendations.

Biography

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