



# EPP eHealth

## Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> European Procurers Platform (EPP): eHealth Newsletter!

Welcome to the second newsletter from the EPP eHealth project team. The aim of this second newsletter is to highlight progress to date, to provide an overview of our recent consortium meeting and Community of Learning Visit and to inform you about the next steps.

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### EPP eHealth Progress

The EPP eHealth team have been busy since our kick off meeting in February. To date the team have:

- Held 2 Consortium Meetings
  - Held the first Public Procurement of Innovation Workshop
  - Prepared a report of the first Public Procurement of Innovation Workshop
  - Produced the first EPP eHealth Newsletter
  - Completed the review of eHealth demand side and produced a report outlining the findings
  - Held the first Community of Learning Visit
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### eHealth Demand Side Review

The review consisted of two parts, with the aim being twofold:

1. Recognising state of the art as well as building a basic model of comparison of the researched countries
2. Recognising the state of the art as well as building a basic model of comparison of innovation procurement between the researched countries

The first part of the review focused on understanding eHealth at a country level and the second part focused on Innovation procurement at a country level. Both parts focused on aspects such as legal regulations, national plans for development as well as barriers and opportunities of development.



In summary, our findings reveal that there are considerable differences regarding e-health and innovation procurement among countries subject to the research. Additionally, our findings also highlight the technological and regulatory differences faced in trans-border healthcare. For example, on the one hand there are technological challenges related to storing, accessing and exchanging data which are common across the countries. However, on the other hand there are legal and regulatory restrictions to safeguard patient records. For example, in Denmark patient records are transferred between health, social care, government and prison services easily; whereas

in the UK there are different types of health records and generally these are kept separate, in that there are general practitioner notes, mental health notes and summary health records.



The variety of barriers and challenges that particular countries need to face in these fields underline their different levels of development and diversity of starting points. However, as we moved forward to assess opportunities and national plans for future development it becomes clear that despite those differences, their ideas and targets are quite similar as they aim for a common goal. It is therefore important to acknowledge that all countries face their difficulties and to develop strong cooperation mechanisms in order to learn from one another and support each other in this difficult but important path is crucial.

The EPP eHealth will approach these differences through an evolutionary process of demand-side consultations and workshops which will enable us to identify and understand the differences across countries. Additionally, as the project progresses we will develop a clearer picture of the unmet needs and be in a position to prioritise the areas of intervention. Consequently, we will use these insights to develop a Joint Statement of Demand.

The Demand-side review report will be available on the project website: <http://innovationinhospitals.com/>

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## Second Consortium Meeting

We held our second consortium meeting in Krakow, Poland on 15<sup>th</sup> June.

The consortium meeting was an opportunity for the team to discuss:

- Project Administration
- Work Package Progress



The meeting also afforded the opportunity for the team to discuss and plan the future Public Procurement of Innovation Workshops.

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## First Community of Learning (CoL) Workshop

The first CoL workshop was held in Krakow, Poland on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2015. The aims of the workshop were to:

- Introduce EPP eHealth
- Recap on Innovation Procurement and highlight example projects
- Understand the Hospital Perspective
- Understand the Supplier Perspective

- Visit University Hospital Krakow

The workshop was structured into five sessions.

### 1. Introducing EPP eHealth

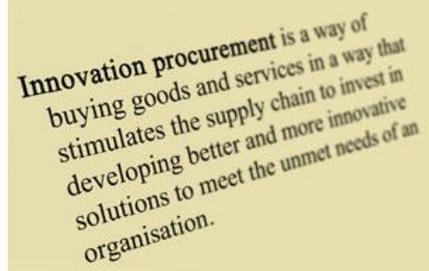
This was an initial session to introduce the project to our guest attendees. An overview of the project, the aims and objectives and partner organisations was provided in this session.

### 2. Innovation Procurement and Example Projects

This was an orientation session to recap on the Innovation Procurement process.

As well as defining Innovation Procurement and outlining the process, a number of example projects were highlighted to illustrate how Innovation Procurement is being used in these projects:

- LCB-Healthcare (<http://lowcarbon-healthcare.eu>)
- EcoQUIP ([www.ecoquip.eu](http://www.ecoquip.eu))
- TRANSFORM (<http://www.transform-europe.eu/>)



*Innovation procurement is a way of buying goods and services in a way that stimulates the supply chain to invest in developing better and more innovative solutions to meet the unmet needs of an organisation.*

### 3. Hospital Perspective: Overview of current eHealth practices and future intentions

This session was an opportunity for each of the hospital partners to provide their perspective on eHealth in terms of current practice and future ambitions.

Key learning points:

- National and Regional health structures impact upon procurement practices
- There are eHealth projects happening across the partner hospitals
- Different partner countries are at very different technological stages in terms of eHealth

Discussions and question and answer sessions were interspersed throughout this session.

### 4. Supplier Perspective: Polish eHealth company

Following on from the Hospital Perspective, we were joined by a Polish company; Silvermedia that were able to provide us with the Supplier Perspective.

They outlined a number of challenges that are associated with eHealth.

They highlighted that the Polish Health Service does not recognise telemedicine as a health service or tool; therefore they target the private health sector.

They went on to provide a demonstration of the product(s) they have developed.

Key Learning Points:

- Telemedicine is not a priority in Poland; consequently investment in the area is very low
- No (or few) technical barriers in eHealth, but there are people barriers

## 5. University Hospital Krakow Site Visit



A site visit was organised to University Hospital Krakow. The visit took us around the accident and emergency area, the helicopter landing pad, to a range of laboratories to see the technology in action and to the bowels of the hospital to see the infrastructure in place for cooling and heating.

Key Learning Point:

- University Hospital Krakow are working hard to finish the computerisation process

A full workshop report will be available on the project website: <http://innovationinhospitals.com>



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## EPP eHealth Future Plans

The next steps are as follows:

1. Schedule and organise the next training session – planned for October 2015
2. Identify locations and best practice cases for future Community of Learning visits

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