



# GDPR Impact on Cross-Border Sharing of CDA Documents

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# National Contact Point for Cross-Border Exchange

- ❑ Project started in 2008 under the name “epSOS”
- ❑ Service provision being established under CEF CBeHIS
  - Go-live waves in 2018, 2019, 2020
- ❑ Integration with other CEF building blocks: CEF PKI, CEF eDelivery, CEF eID
- ❑ Objective: reliable exchange of information between countries
  - Including transcoding and translation of documents
  - Without intervening into national infrastructure
  - Through the establishment of a circle of trust between the countries
- ❑ Use cases (based on epSOS specifications)
  - Patient Summary
  - ePrescription / eDispense



# The National Contact Point for eHealth (NCPeH)

- Bi-directional Gateway in each country
- Umbrella for
  - Legal aspects → NCPeH organization is the legal umbrella for the country
  - Semantic aspects → NCPeH is in charge of semantic interoperability
  - Organizational aspects → NCPeH is the single point of contact for the whole country
  - Technical aspects → NCPeH “speaks” CEF on one side and “national” on the other side
- Possibly two-ways
  - Acts as “Country A” → connected to the national Electronic Patient Record (EPR) infrastructure
  - Acts as “Country B” → connected to healthcare providers portals



- ❑ Circle of trust
  - Legal agreement between countries (National Authorities)
  - Addresses operational aspects
  
- ❑ Patient Information Notice (detailed privacy information for the patient)
  - At country A level (country of origin)
  - At country B level (country of care / of healthcare professional)
- Informed Consent for Patients
- Addresses personal data protection aspects
  
- ❑ Traceability
  - ATNA Logs at Country A and Country B
  - Non-repudiation assertions



# Legal Agreement

- ❑ Establishes the necessary legal framework between National Authorities
- ❑ Establishes the basic rules for operating a National Contact Points
- ❑ Establishes the basic rules for the identification and authentication of patients and healthcare providers
- ❑ Establishes the basic rules related to the processing of personal data
- ❑ Establishes the basic technical rules related to security, traceability, audit and non-repudiation



# The *Model* Patient Information Notice (Model PIN)

- ❑ Template for informing citizens / patients about their data protection rights
  - National customization required
- ❑ Use recommended by Article 29 Working Party on Data Protection
- ❑ Addresses requirements coming from GDPR, especially:
  - Art. 13 (information to be provided where personal data are collected from the data subject)
  - Art 14 (information to be provided where personal data have not been obtained from the data subject)
- Must be provided in country A (when obtaining patient data)
- Must be provided in country B (when accessing patient data)





- ❑ Each component is producing ATNA logs
- ❑ Non-repudiation assertions are produced and logged
- ❑ No content is logged by either NCP-A or NCP-B – only digests are logged in ATNA secure node



# How can IHE support GDPR implementation?

- ❑ Keep a log of who is accessing what and when
  - ATNA (Audit Trail and Node Authentication) IHE Profile is designed to record this kind of information (among other)
  
- ❑ Obtain and document patient consent
  - BPPC (Basic Patient Privacy Consent) and APPC (Advanced Patient Privacy Consent) IHE Profiles can be used to document a patient consent as a CDA document

Full compliance with GDPR requirements is still a work to be performed. Other profiles like IUA (Internet User Authentication) and XUA (Cross-Enterprise User Assertion) may also be useful.





# GDPR and CBeHIS

GDPR requirement	CBeHIS answer	Comment
Patient Information and Consent	Patient Information Notice both in country of origin (e.g. during patient registration) and in country of care (before care)	Partly in place Logistic aspects in country B to be clarified (when, language, storage, ...)
Accountability	ATNA logs	In place
Non repudiation	Non repudiations assertions based on eSens specs	In place but not fully capable of dispute resolution. Specs to be enhanced and then implemented
Minimisation	Patient Summary specification	Content designed with and validated by healthcare professionals
Portability	HL7 CDA r2 Use of international terminologies as much as possible (revision in progress)	Patient Summary based on PCC ePrescription and eDispense based on IHE Pharmacy



# Reference documentation

**IHE** (available on IHE Web Sites)

- White Paper «IHE perspective on the European Union GDPR» (IHE Europe, April 2018)

<https://www.ihe-europe.net/sites/default/files/2018-05/IHE-Europe-GDPR%20White%20Paper-2018.pdf>

- ATNA, APPC, BCCP IHE Profiles (IHE International)

[https://www.ihe.net/resources/technical\\_frameworks/](https://www.ihe.net/resources/technical_frameworks/)

**CBeHIS** (available on CEF eHDSI Web Site)

- Model Patient Information Notice
- Specifications

<https://ec.europa.eu/cefdigital/wiki/display/EHOPERATIONS/Specifications>

