



## INCO-HEALTH

### Interregional Cooperation for a trans-European Electronic Health Card Strategy

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Digital technologies are really becoming more important in health management and regional policies development supporting health services: they offer the potential to reduce administrative costs, to deliver health-care services at distance, to avoid unnecessary duplicate examinations. In addition, the web-based technologies is increasingly used by citizens to obtain medical information. Against this background, it is crucial that e-health content and services are developed efficiently and available for all.

Within the above scenario the development of a common interregional approach for the implementation of **e-Health strategies** represent a stringent priority in Europe at large. The **INCO-HEALTH operation is expected to strength cooperation on electronic health and insurance cards (eEHIC)** through exchanging of knowledge, project ideas, programmes and practices amongst partners, and get experiences of others with the scope to join development of new policies and instruments undertaken by participating regions. The development of a common regional approach for implementation of e-Health strategies, including eEHIC, represents a stringent priority recently confirmed by two EC decisions fixing timeframe and conditions for the introduction of electronic cards in Europe. In this light the proposed operation aims at addressing the goal of promotion the cooperation in the e-Health sector allowing regions, even non-contiguous, to enter in contact and to build up relationships, leading to exchanges of experience and networking in the mentioned domain. The INCO-HEALTH project is thus aimed at achieving

the overall objective to reinforce the economic and social cohesion of the regions in Europe by establishing a structured and permanent cooperation in this specific area, which is in fact one of the most critic for the regional development and in continuous definition under several aspects. The operation by setting up such as cooperation will enable participating partners to deploy in their regional context a joint development of new political approaches with the ultimate result to promote and introduce innovative instruments (technological, operational, organisational) facilitating eEHIC adoption. Partnership is resulting by the involvement of **5 partners representing 5 regions** being public bodies strictly involved in the development of strategies and deployment of eEHIC. Consortium, lead by Region of Veneto is composed by 3 regional authorities (Veneto, Lombardia, Friuli Venezia Giulia) and 2 health insurance bodies based in Hungary and Slovenia: partnership sums a set of specific competencies needed for design and develop novel schemes for the implementation of an eEHIC strategy and for extending new approaches and policies at EU level. They will cooperate in view for exchanging knowledge and practices even beyond actual regions involved creating services and tools-set customised to regional authorities addressing EHIC issues.

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