

**Question for written answer E-004079/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: International transfer and use of European health data

With the advent of the European Health Data Space (EHDS), the EU is establishing a common framework for the cross-border use of electronic health data. At the same time, the EU Global Health Strategy is aiming to harness the potential of health data worldwide. Third countries and international organisations may participate in the HealthData@EU infrastructure if they fulfil certain conditions.

1. Which specific categories of electronic health data may be made available or transferred for use by third countries or international organisations as part of the EHDS, and which data may contain personal or potentially re-identifiable information?
2. Which specific international organisations and third countries are to be granted access to European health data? What legal and technical requirements must they meet, and, in particular, how are the data protection and security standards applicable under EU law also enforced following a cross-border transfer?
3. What scrutiny do the Member States and citizens concerned retain over the cross-border use of their health data, particularly with regard to purpose limitation, onward transfer to other bodies, re-identification and subsequent use for other purposes, and what effective means are there to prevent or terminate such use?

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