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The Special Report by the European Court of Auditors (ECA) on digitalisation of healthcare (25/2024)¹ indicates that the Commission provided effective support to Member States overall. The report identified a number of challenges, such as administrative burden, timing issues, insufficient administrative capacity in Member States and the need for national co-financing. However, the Special Report confirms that the large majority of Member States made use of the available EU funds to digitise their healthcare systems, and that EU funds for healthcare digitalisation matched Member States' needs overall.

The Special Report provided two concrete recommendations to improve reporting on the eGovernment Benchmark and the Digital Decade eHealth indicator, and to improve reporting on the use of EU funds for healthcare digitalisation. The Commission accepted those recommendations based on concrete implementation target dates.

As noted by the ECA, the Commission provided Member States with guidance on the availability of EU funds for projects in healthcare digitalisation given that it recognises the importance of supporting and guiding Member States in the use of EU funds. Therefore, it will continue to share information recurrently on funding opportunities on several programmes with Member States, particularly through the eHealth Network. The Commission is committed to exploring further improvements through the corresponding feedback and consultation mechanisms.

¹ https://www.eca.europa.eu/ECAPublications/SR-2024-25/SR-2024-25_EN.pdf.