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EU E-Health Law and North Macedonia: From Current Practice to Implementation

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Background of the project

Traditional healthcare is changing in North Macedonia. Mobile health delivery, personalized medicine, and social media health applications are creating a new landscape of information and communication technologies with an aim to improve healthcare, or 'eHealth'. This new landscape is taking shape against the backdrop of existing national laws and regulations in North Macedonia but also European Union ("EU") Directives and Decisions. It is imperative that future eHealth developers, sellers and service providers – stakeholders in the area of eHealth - are aware of the restraints and requirements that these laws, regulations and decisions impose. Moreover, North Macedonia should share a commitment to the healthcare system strengthening with the Member States. Aspiration for the state to get in line with the tendency of transforming health services in order to meet the health challenges of the 21st century and to move towards EU Digital Transformation of Health and Care in the Digital Single Market. By raising the awareness of relevant rights for each stakeholder under eHealth laws, particularly the EU Policies, Strategies, Directives, Decisions, current EU legal framework and law-making mechanisms relevant to EU Digital Health Law, there is a greater likelihood that the transformation from traditional medical delivery to e-Health will be successful in the country of North Macedonia, especially on its trajectory to becoming a member state in the EU. Likewise, it will help ensure that stakeholders are compliant with relevant laws and regulations, delivery of health care, data protection and confidentiality, medical informatics and ethics.

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