



STRENGTHENING INNOVATION PROTECTION IN THE EHDS

Supporting trusted secondary
use of health data in the
European Health Data Space

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HEALTH DATA CAN DRIVE BETTER RESEARCH, CARE AND POLICY

But for many data holders,
sharing data or outputs can raise
real concerns around protection of:



**INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY**

**TRADE
SECRETS**

**COMMERCIALY
SENSITIVE INFORMATION**

**REGULATORY
DATA**



IMPORTANT GAPS STILL MAKE TRUSTED HEALTH DATA REUSE DIFFICULT IN PRACTICE



**LOSS OF CONTROL
ONCE DATA IS SHARED**

**UNCLEAR PROCEDURES
ON DAY-TO-DAY IMPLEMENTATION**

**FRAGMENTED APPROACHES
ACROSS MEMBER STATES**

**NEW RISKS
ASSOCIATED WITH AI**



WHEN PROTECTION IS UNCLEAR, COLLABORATION SLOWS DOWN

Uncertainty around
how to share health data safely
can lead to:



**HESITATION
TO PARTICIPATE**

**COMPLEX, AD-HOC
NEGOTIATIONS**

**LIMITED TRUST
ACROSS STAKEHOLDERS**

**DELAYS TO RESEARCH
AND INNOVATION**



FORTIFY IS BUILDING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS ACROSS 3 AREAS



LEGAL

Clear guidance for IP-sensitive secondary use

GOVERNANCE

Operational procedures across the data access journey

TECHNOLOGY

Safeguards such as traceability, watermarking, and guidance for synthetic, anonymised and transformed data

**THE FUTURE
FORTIFY
FRAMEWORK
FOR EHDS ACTORS
(HDABS, HEALTH DATA
HOLDERS AND USERS)
WILL
ENCOMPASS...**



Model contracts and template clauses
for IP sensitive secondary use

Governance procedures
across the data access journey

Technical toolkit for data safeguards

Training materials to support uptake

Policy recommendations
to facilitate implementation

**All designed to support more trusted,
workable health data reuse in practice**

FORTIFY AT A GLANCE

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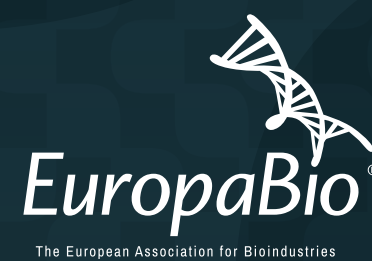
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