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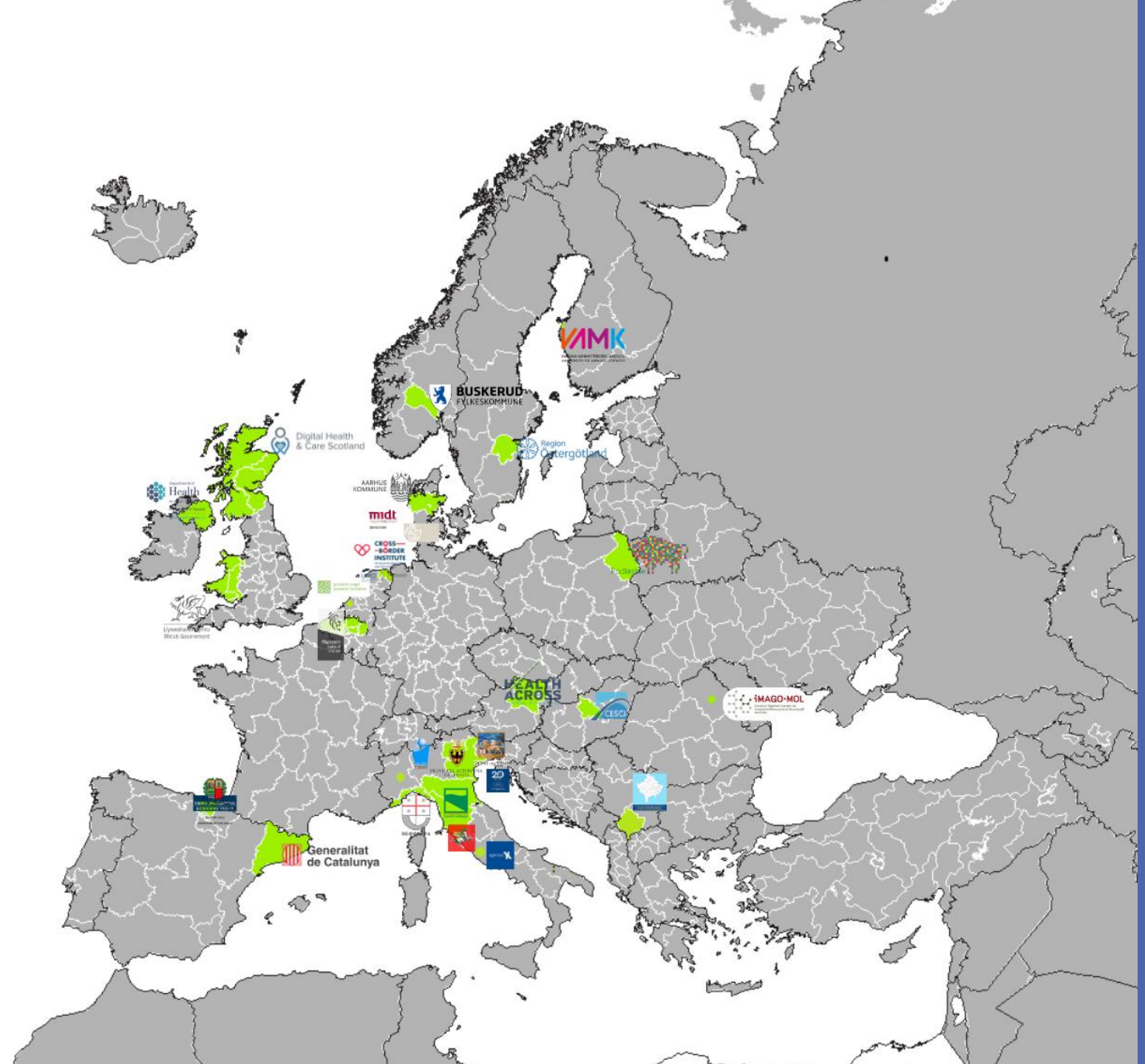

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European Regional and Local Health Authorities (EUREGHA) is the European **network bringing local and regional health authorities together to improve health policy in Europe**.

- **26 Members** / 15 Countries / 50+ million citizens
- Active in **EU projects/initiatives**
- Active engagement in **the EU Health policy arena**

- **4 Pillars:** Policy, Communication, Mutual Learning, Projects

- **3 Working groups** (Cancer, Digital transformation, Cross-Border Health)
- **Other active and upcoming thematic areas**: mental health; promotion and prevention; workforce, skills and literacy; green transformation; obesity; integrated care; health systems transformation.

OUR 4 PILLARS – IN A NUTSHELL

Knowledge Exchange

- Thematic **Working Groups** and **Task Forces**
- **Peer learning** and **practices** exchange
- Regional **factsheets** and showcases
- **Knowledge-sharing** initiatives and webinars
- Ad-hoc **expert support** on members-led initiatives

Policy engagement

- Track and shape **EU health policy** developments
- Coordinate **regional input** on positions and consultations
- **Advocate** for regional voices in EU decision-making
- Engage with the European **CoR** and all **EU health policy stakeholders** /institutions

European projects

- Support **member involvement in EU consortia**, partner search
- Share **regular intelligence** on opportunities and programmes
- Provide **in-consortia expertise** (comms, policy, events)
- Advocate for stronger **regional focus in EU funding**

Communication

- Dedicated **public newsletter** and **bi-weekly updates**
- Organisation of **EUREGHA events** and campaigns
- Annual **activity report** and network publications
- Ad-hoc **comms intelligence** and information sharing
- Engage in **external events** & access **discounted fees**

OUR WORK WITH MEMBERS – KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER, WORKING GROUPS, PAPERS AND PRACTICES

THE EUREGHA WORKING GROUPS

Informal fora where EUREGHA members can exchange knowledge, best practices, information, and expertise on the respective subject topics.

Aims:

- Facilitate knowledge **exchange** between members;
- **Inform** regional stakeholders about the **ongoing or forthcoming relevant developments** of EU regulations, policy files, initiatives and funding opportunities;
- **Shape common position** and discuss outstanding issues;
- **Explore** opportunities of collaboration on **project proposals**;
- Establish direct **connection with key stakeholders** and build/foster dialogue with them (EU institutions, NGOs, EU Coalitions, etc.)
- Improve members' and network's advocacy, policy, and project actions at an EU level.

Who participates: Regional representatives, policy experts, clinical experts, researchers

Work plan:

The Working Group meets online **3 times per year** (Constitutive meeting in February, and thematic meetings in Spring and Autumn)

Regular and constant communication via email

Potential outputs: Booklet of best practices, responses to EU public consultation, position papers, submission of project proposals, public events...

WORKING GROUP CANCER – ACTIVITIES 2026

Implementation strategy	Timeline
Meetings and events	
• **Constitutive meeting**	• 17 February
• **Spring meeting**	• April/May 2026
• **Autumn meeting**	• Oct/Nov 2026
Main topic for 2026: Survivorship – patient engagement – comprehensive cancer centres and plans – inequalities in cancer screening and prevention	
• Dialogue with the DG RTD Cancer Mission Secretariat (European Commission) on how to improve the engagement of regional and local health authorities in the Cancer Mission	Ongoing
• Collaboration with ECHoS and other EU projects (JA CRANE, eCAN, etc.)	Ongoing
• Support for and collaboration in EU calls for proposal	
Knowledge sharing and policy monitoring	
• With OECD	Continuing
• With other European networks on the Cancer Mission (ERRIN) and MFF (incl. ECO)	Continuing
• Participation in the Beating Cancer Stakeholder Group of the EUHPP	Continuing

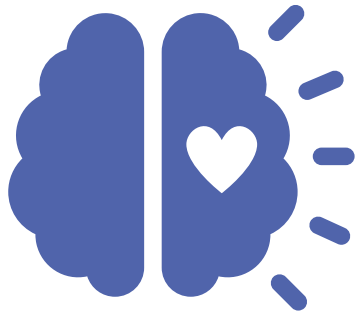
WORKING GROUP DIGITAL – ACTIVITIES 2026

Implementation strategy	Timeline
Meetings and events	
• **Constitutive meeting** • **Spring meeting** • **Autumn meeting**	• 9 Feb 2026 • April/May 2026 • Oct/Nov 2026
Main topic for 2026: AI in health – digital skills – EHDS implementation (focus on secondary use) – digital inequalities	
• Collection of practices and exchange btw Members and Secretariat • Desk-research support for the EHDS regulation • Monitoring & exploring collaboration with other EU initiatives (e.g. THCS, TEHDAS II) • Support for and collaboration in EU calls for proposal	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
Knowledge sharing and policy monitoring	
• ICIC 2026 – Follow-up session for the Data Connection (Birmingham) • EUVECA Final Conference (Brussels) • BeWell Final Conference (Brussels) • InnoMedCatalyst Final Conference (Brussels)	14 April 2026 24 March 2026 7 May 2026 6, 7 or 8 October 2026

WORKING GROUP CROSS-BORDER – ACTIVITIES 2026

Implementation strategy	Timeline
Meetings and events	
• **Constitutive meeting** • **Spring meeting** • **Autumn meeting**	• 24 February • April/May • Oct/Nov
Main topic for 2026: New EUREGHA ad-hoc positioning document on cross-border healthcare – Workforce and patients movement across borders – INTERREG and CBHC in the next MFF – EHDS as a CBHC tool	
• Collection of practices and exchange btw Members and Secretariat • Dialogue with DG REGIO (European Commission) on initiatives, tools and EU policy files / legislation affecting cross-border healthcare • Support for and collaboration in EU calls for proposal	Ongoing Ongoing Ongoing
Knowledge sharing and policy monitoring	
• With other European networks (e.g. AEBR)	Continuing

OTHER NEW THEMATIC PRIORITIES FOR 2026



MENTAL HEALTH

New collection of regional/local practices!

CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH

Ad-Hoc discussion, potential task-force/WG

EXAMPLE OF PRACTICE-FOCUSED ACTIVITIES DEVELOPED WITH MEMBERS/WGS

Booklet on Regional Best Practices on health data - 2023

NATIONAL AND REGIONAL STRATEGIES

Basque Country
E-Health strategy of the Basque Country

Catalonia
Health/AI Programme: Programme for the promotion and development of artificial intelligence in the Catalan health system

Catalonia
COMPDIG-Health/Challenge 4 FDP project - Digital Skills of Health Professionals.

Scotland
Scotland's Data Strategy

Wales
Refreshed Digital and Data Strategy for Health and Social Care in Wales

TELEMEDICINE / TELEHEALTH

Apulia Region
CORëHealth: Operating Centre of Telemedicine for Chronic Diseases and Clinical Networks of Apulia Region

Scotland
Digital Remote Monitoring: Primary Care Hypertension Management Pathway

HEALTH DATA USE AND/OR COLLECTION

Catalonia
Health Data to share – Blue Button

Flanders
ALIVIA - communication and planning tool developed for person-centred care

GGD Zuid Limburg
Euregional Health Atlas (EHA): A dynamic platform for collecting, sharing, and visualizing health-related data within the Euroregion Meuse-Rhine (EMR)

GGD Zuid Limburg
Collaboration between research, policy and practice to monitor and improve the health of our citizens

Lower Austria
Digital nursing documentation in Lower Austria

Veneto Region
The experience of the secondary healthcare data usage platform in Veneto Region

Download the Booklet for more details!

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BOOKLET

EUREGHA REGIONAL FACTSHEETS

A SHOWCASE OF KEY DATA, INNOVATIVE PROJECTS, AND COLLABORATIVE PRACTICES FROM REGIONAL AND LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES ACROSS EUROPE

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AD-HOC COLLABORATION WITH MEMBERS: EUREGHA – FLANDERS ON 'THE DATA CONNECTION'

EUREGHA supported the Department of Care of Flanders in organising their EU Belgian Presidency international conference, "Integrating Care, Strengthening Communities: The Data Connection."

As part of the follow-up, EUREGHA produced a dedicated event report and a series of factsheets summarising the key outcomes of the discussions and encouraging future debate.

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OUR ICIC26 SESSION – 9.K BRIDGING DATA AND PEOPLE: TURNING INSIGHTS INTO COMMUNITY-DRIVEN INTEGRATED CARE

https://abbey.eventsair.com/AbbeyEventApp/icic26/icic26onlineagenda/Agenda/AgendaItemDetail?id=8b692bd2-7652-47f3-b140-f32b768db24b

Tuesday 14 April, 2026, 13:45 – 14:45

Building on the 2024 "Integrating Care, Strengthening Communities: The Data Connection" and the 2025 EUREGHA General Assembly, this workshop—co-organised by **EUREGHA and the Flemish Department of Care**, in collaboration with regional authorities including **One Gloucestershire ICS, Wales, Basque Country**, **Central Denmark**—explores how data, trust and behavioural insights can empower communities to strengthen integrated care.

Through presentations of regional practices and facilitated group discussions, participants will exchange lessons on engaging citizens, using data for local planning, and scaling trust-based approaches.

The session will produce a concise action sheet capturing transferable insights.

POLICY ENGAGEMENT, ADVOCACY AND COLLABORATION WITH EU HEALTH STAKEHOLDERS

The EUREGHA STRATEGIC MANIFESTO for 2024 and beyond –

Building the future of European health and care with Regional and Local Health Authorities at the centre

TOWARDS A STRONGER EUROPEAN HEALTH UNION

- Long-term ambition and stronger governance for health and EU level.
- Health in all policies and One Health.
- Recognition of regional and local health authorities as key actors.

ADDRESS SKILLS AND SHORTAGES: A NEW DEAL FOR HEALTH AND CARE WORKFORCE

- Health workforce as a new EHU pillar.
- Invest in skills.
- Learn from regional and local experiences, also on cross-border collaboration.

CHANGING HEALTH THROUGH REGIONS

- Build on existing digital practices.
- Boost the green transformation.
- Organisational information for integrated and community-based care.

STRONGER ACTION ON PREVENTION, PROMOTION AND PUBLIC HEALTH

- Increased attention on prevention at all levels.
- A better environment for health promotion and public health.
- Regions are crucial for their proximity to communities.

BOOST SYNERGETIC FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO REGIONAL AND LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES

- Maintain and strengthen EU investments in health and care.
- Tailor programmes and calls to boost involvement of regional and local health authorities.
- Support regional and local authorities.

PUTTING CROSS-BORDER HEALTHCARE AT THE CENTRE OF THE EUROPEAN AGENDA

- Focus on better implementation of the CB patients' rights directive.
- Explore newer perspectives for cross-border collaboration, as public health, patients' involvement and crisis response.

MOVING TOWARDS VALUE-BASED TRANSITION IN HEALTHCARE

- Take next steps towards value-based, to deliver services with real positive outcomes to patients.
- Invest in research, education and training.
- Engage with trailblazers regions in this field to share knowledge.

Download the MANIFESTO

COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS INTERREGIONAL GROUP ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The Group was established in 2010 to enable all CoR members to openly discuss and exchange views on EU policy issues related to healthcare and health publish, between them, with other regional representatives and with the broader public health community.
As the **Secretariat of the Group**, EUREGHA organizes its meetings 4/5 times a year.

European Committee of the Regions

Interregional Group on Health and Well-being

PLAN FOR 2026

4 March 9:00-10:00 – **Constitutive meeting (closed door, not public)**

6 May 9:00-10:00 – **IRGHW Meeting (Cardiovascular Health)**

1 July 9:00-10:00 – **IRGHW Meeting (Topic TBD)**

12-16 October –**Session at the European Week of Regions and Cities (Topic TBD, Day and time TBC)**

2 December 9:00-10:00 – **IRGHW Meeting (Topic TBD)**

EUREGHA'S PARTICIPATION IN EU-LED EXPERT GROUPS

The **eHealth Stakeholder Group** was a group run by European Commission's DG SANTE and DG CONNECT, bringing together selected experts that contributes to the development and implementation of eHealth policies at EU level.

EUREGHA was official member of this Stakeholder Group, which closed in January 2026.

Launched in 2023, the **Harnessing Talent Platform** (HTP) is a knowledge-building and experience-exchange initiative by European Commission's DG REGIO, which seeks to support regions in addressing the consequences of the demographic change and in mitigating the challenges associated with the decline of tertiary educated populations across the EU.

EUREGHA is co-lead of the HTP Health Working Group.

This is a discussion and information sharing forum consisting of the main stakeholders in the area of cancer prevention and care, with the overall aim to support the implementation of the Europe's Beating Cancer Plan, the EU Mission on Cancer and the monitoring of their actions. It is powered by European Commission's DG SANTE.

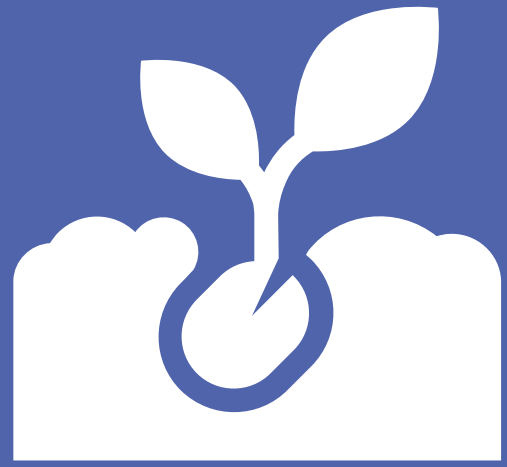
EUREGHA is a members of this Stakeholder Group.

OUR STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS

EUROPEAN PROJECTS – ACTIVITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

EUREGHA activities on European projects (with and for members)

- **Promotion of Members** inclusion in EU project consortia
- **Regular information** through bi-weekly info flash and ad-hoc communication on suitable calls
- **Support members** in search for project partners
- **Intelligence gathering** with European Commission or other key EU funding stakeholders
- Provide **in-consortia expertise on comms, events and policy**
- **Advocacy on increased regional role in EU projects**



ACTIVE EU PROJECTS

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INNOMEDCATALYST

ONCODIR

BeWell.

ENKORE
ECO HEALTHCARE

yarn
EUROPEAN YOUTH CANCER NETWORK

CULTURE AND — HEALTH platform

PREDI-LYNCH

COMMUNICATION, EVENTS AND OUTREACH

Our comms channels

- ✓ **Bi-weekly Info-Flashes** for Members
- ✓ **Quarterly public newsletter with more than 600 subscribers.**
- ✓ **Thematic brochures and booklet of practices.**
- ✓ **Dissemination of EUREGHA members material**
- ✓ **Events and High-Level Conference (see, 2023, 2024 and 2025 editions)**
- ✓ **Regular presence at the EU Week of Regions and Cities**
- ✓ **Strong activity of the network on social media.**

3.9k Followers	3.4k Followers	1.1k Followers	250 Followers

Our Annual Report

Check out our **Annual Report** for an overview of all our activities, events, new members, and much more!

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The health-focused regional/local network

Exchange knowledge, practices and expertise with regions across Europe

Working Groups and Ad-Hoc Task forces/activities

Shape European policies, initiatives and programmes

Opportunities to promote regional activities/projects

Collaboration with EU-projects consortia and secretariat projects' expertise

Connect with the broad health policy and practice community

Updates on EU policies and funding opportunities

THANK YOU!

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