



# Health IT/eHealth Collaboration for Better Patient Care between the EU and US

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# eHealth for better patient care

## E-solutions in the Health Sector

- **eHealth is the most effective investment for better patient care and economic growth:**
  - Availability
  - Continuity of care
  - Patient Empowerment
  - Patient safety
  - High quality services
  - Accessibility
  - Solidarity and equity
  - Sustainability
  - Structural and functional reform
  - Cost containment
  - Employment opportunities during challenging times.

# Collaboration between the EU and US

## Ecosystem

All healthcare stakeholders and key players from both the public and the private sector are collaborating towards **sustainable eHealth ecosystems** that contribute to the reform of health systems, lead to the increased use of new technologies, help us better understand healthcare needs and create business opportunities for economic development.

## MoU

- eHealth **Interoperability** of products and services
- **Addressing competency and knowledge deficiencies among healthcare personnel** to ensure they have the eSkills for universal application of ICT solutions in health services.

## eHealth Initiatives

1. The Greek ePrescription System
2. SOHealth (Smart Open Internet Services for Health)
3. Greek participation in epSOS
4. eHealth Interoperability Framework for primary care
5. Outpatient, comprehensive and integrated health & social care

# eHealth/health IT in Greece

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