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# European Pharmacists Welcome European Commission Communication on Digital Health

**The Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU)** is the European association representing more than 400,000 community pharmacists.

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Today the European Commission published a [Communication](#) on Digital Health. The Pharmaceutical Group of the European Union (PGEU) welcomes the Communication as a basis to promote the meaningful use of digital solutions in health care.

Digital innovations improve accessibility to care, promote further integration of the primary healthcare system, improve health outcomes, reduce costs to health systems payers, improve health literacy, support self-care and enhance patient safety and quality of care.

PGEU Secretary General Ilaria Passarani said *"Pharmacists use eHealth tools daily, when dispensing electronic prescriptions, checking for medication interactions, accessing electronic medication records or providing support for adherence via a mobile app. They should be better involved as experienced users in the formulation of eHealth policies at local, regional and national level"*.

*"Electronic health records should be linked with ePrescribing systems, allowing healthcare professionals involved in patient care to access the necessary patient information. It should also be possible to update the electronic health record, if needed, to identify and address potential medication and patient safety-related issues"*.

*"100% of pharmacies in Europe are computerised. No other healthcare profession has invested more than community pharmacy in terms of its own funds to innovate the ICT infrastructure to deliver benefits to the public. This investment should be recognised and adequately supported"*.

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