## EUROPEAN HEALTH DATA SPACE



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Our June 26 business seminar spotlighted the European Health Data Space (EHDS) and its transformative potential for EU healthcare. The event gathered government officials, healthcare leaders, and digital innovators to explore the implications of EHDS regulation set to redefine data interoperability, patient access, and research capabilities across Europe.

Experts emphasized the importance of structured, standardized digital health data to drive innovation and reduce inefficiencies. Slovakia, currently in preproduction testing, aims for full interoperability by 2029. Key discussions focused on the need to upgrade eHealth infrastructure, harmonize privacy laws, and develop a skilled workforce to manage and protect sensitive data. The seminar underscored EHDS not as a mere IT upgrade, but as a strategic opportunity. With targeted investments in systems, skills, and security, Slovakia could emerge as a regional leader in digital healthcare.

As Europe moves toward a unified digital health future, Slovakia's readiness to embrace EHDS may determine its role in the continent's evolving innovation landscape.



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