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PROJECT ACRONYM AND TITLE: POLiN - The POLitical conditions of Interoperability in European digital health policies

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ABSTRACT:

The POLiN project's aim is to explore the political condition of interoperability in European digital health policies. 'Interoperability' refers to the ability of computer systems to work together, even if they are created and managed by different business or state organizations. Interoperability is key in the creation of efficient digital health infrastructures, in particular at the European level, in which it is for instance expected to allow for Electronic Health Records to be available everywhere in the European Union, or to allow for the creation of a European Health Data Space. If the technical conditions of interoperability have been extensively studied, little is known about the political conditions under which various actors pursuing complex agendas may be willing to adopt common standards. Indeed, standards choices in digital health are guided by many different industrial, medical, political, legal, and ethical considerations. Therefore, the aim of this project is to explore the political conditions favoring or impeding the adoption of interoperability standards in EU digital health. As digital cooperation marks a turning point for the future of EU integration, this project will contribute to open a new research agenda, whose aim is to explore how the EU is able to govern through project cooperation. On the other side, interoperability choices reflect highly sensitive and political decisions which are not trivial and are likely to deeply transform the lives of EU citizens. In this view, this project intends to contribute to the adoption of better, inclusive digital health standards.

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PARTNERSHIP

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