

to see whether the country will show an equally good performance here as it did for patient data storage and computer use in consultation.

Estonian policy strategies with eHealth relevance

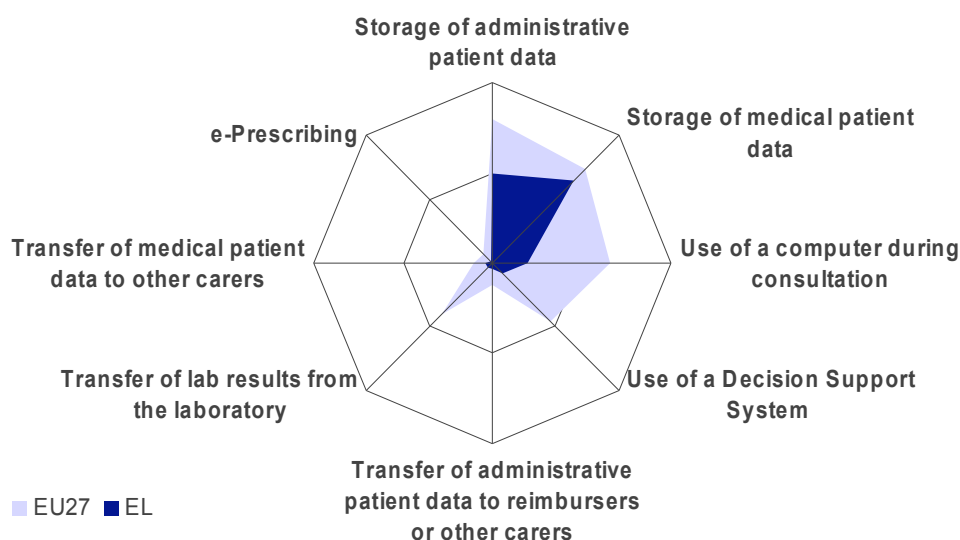
Electronic Health Record Project of Estonia (2005 - 2008)

eHealth strategy of the Estonian Ministry for Social Affairs (2000)

Greece

Greece shows its best eHealth performance in the area of patient data storage. Yet even here usage rates lie below the EU27 average. While computers are used in consultation to some extent, Decision Support Systems are still rather the exception than the rule. Patient data transfer has as yet not very much arrived on the agenda of Greek GPs.

Exhibit 5-8 eHealth use in Greece



Indicators Compound indicators of eHealth use (cf. indicator annex for more information). Index scores ranging from 0 (not used at all) to 5 (used by all GPs in the country).

Source empirica, Pilot on eHealth Indicators, 2007.

A national eHealth Roadmap for Greece was inaugurated in June 2006 (cf. below), following up on a review of the national 2002 - 2006 ICT Action Plan. The roadmap's main goal is to set up a National Health Information System implementing – among other things – Electronic Health Records. The eHealth Roadmap spans a ten years timeframe, with pilot implementations and demonstrations planned for the 2007 - 2012 period. This plan may partly explain current eHealth usage rates in particular in relation to patient data transfer, as the necessary networking infrastructure – including standards, a national health portal, health insurance smart cards, various electronic information systems etc. – will only become available on a wider scale in the coming years.

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National eHealth Roadmap 2006 - 2015

National 2002 - 2006 ICT Action Plan
