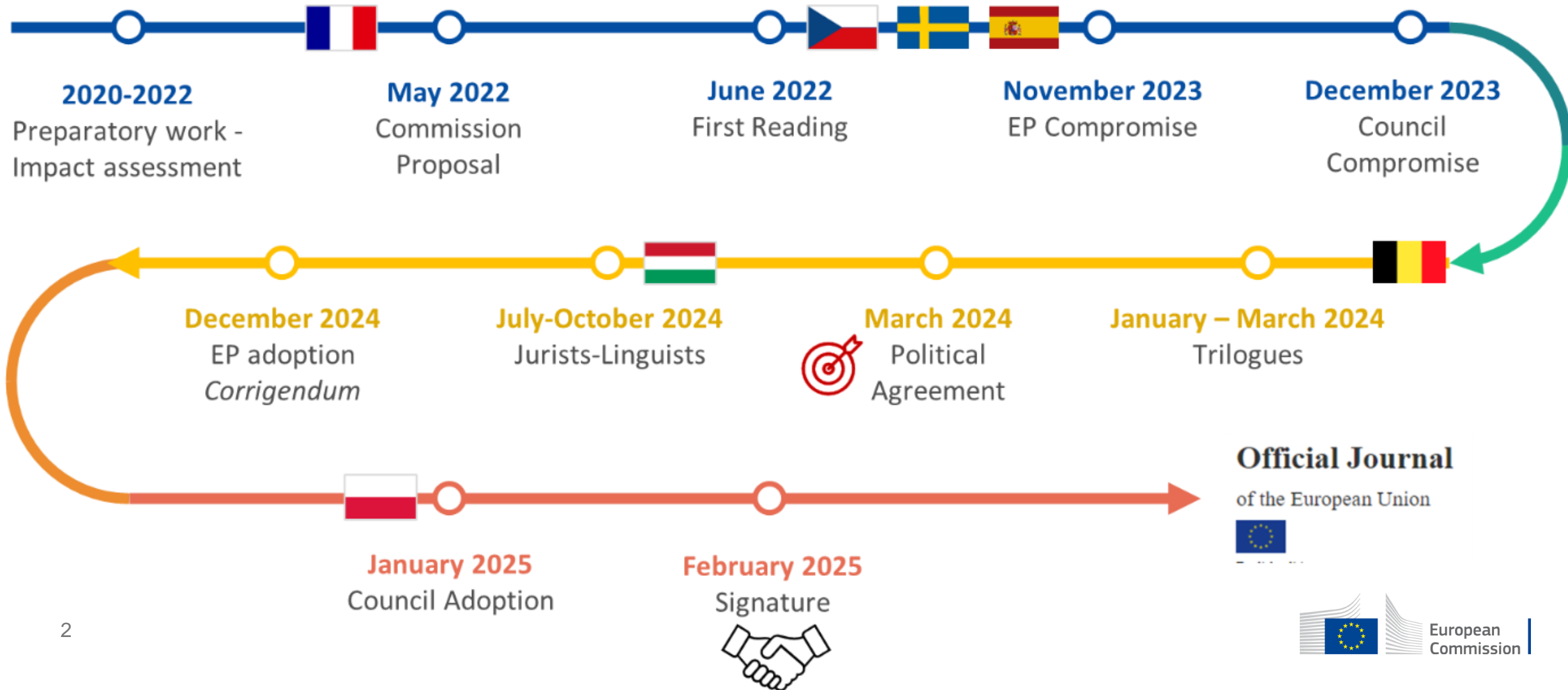




# The Role of the European Health Data Space

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# EHDS Roadmap



# Primary Use

What's in it for patients and health professionals?  
What infrastructures will provide support?

# EHDS in a Nutshell – Primary Use

## How?

- Strengthening patients' rights on defined categories of their own data;
- Patient- and health professional-facing services to access data;
- Building on existing voluntary MyHealth@EU infrastructure, not touching upon national rules on provision of care / management of healthcare systems.

# Benefits for patients and health professionals

## For patients

- Immediate and free of charge access to their own electronic health data in the priority categories.
- Easy sharing of data with health professionals, including cross-border.
- Possibility to add data, restrict access, see who accessed data, ask for rectification of errors.
- Have access in the European electronic health record exchange format, improving interoperability.
- Easy to use mechanisms for delegated access and appointing proxies
- (dependent on Member State choice): possibility for a full opt-out from exchanges using EHDS infrastructures for primary use.

## For health professionals

- Easier and quicker access to their patients' data, including cross-border.
- European electronic health record exchange format will facilitate data sharing across systems by increasing interoperability.

# Secondary Use

- What are the benefits for whom?
- Who will have to make which data available?
- How can users apply for access to data?
- What are the safeguards?
- What infrastructures will provide support?

# EHDS in a Nutshell – Secondary Use

## How?

- Common European rules on who has to make which data available for which purposes and under which conditions
- Common infrastructure: HealthData@EU
- Metadata catalogues of available datasets
- No need for consent to access data, possibility for citizens to opt-out from the reuse of their health data
- Permits for data use, common safeguards

# Benefits of secondary use

## For regulators and policymakers

- Easier access to health data for purposes of public health, patient safety, general functioning of healthcare systems...
- Better evidence basis for regulatory activities and policy-making.

## For patients

- In the long run: research leading to new and better treatments
- Transparency of data use

## For researchers

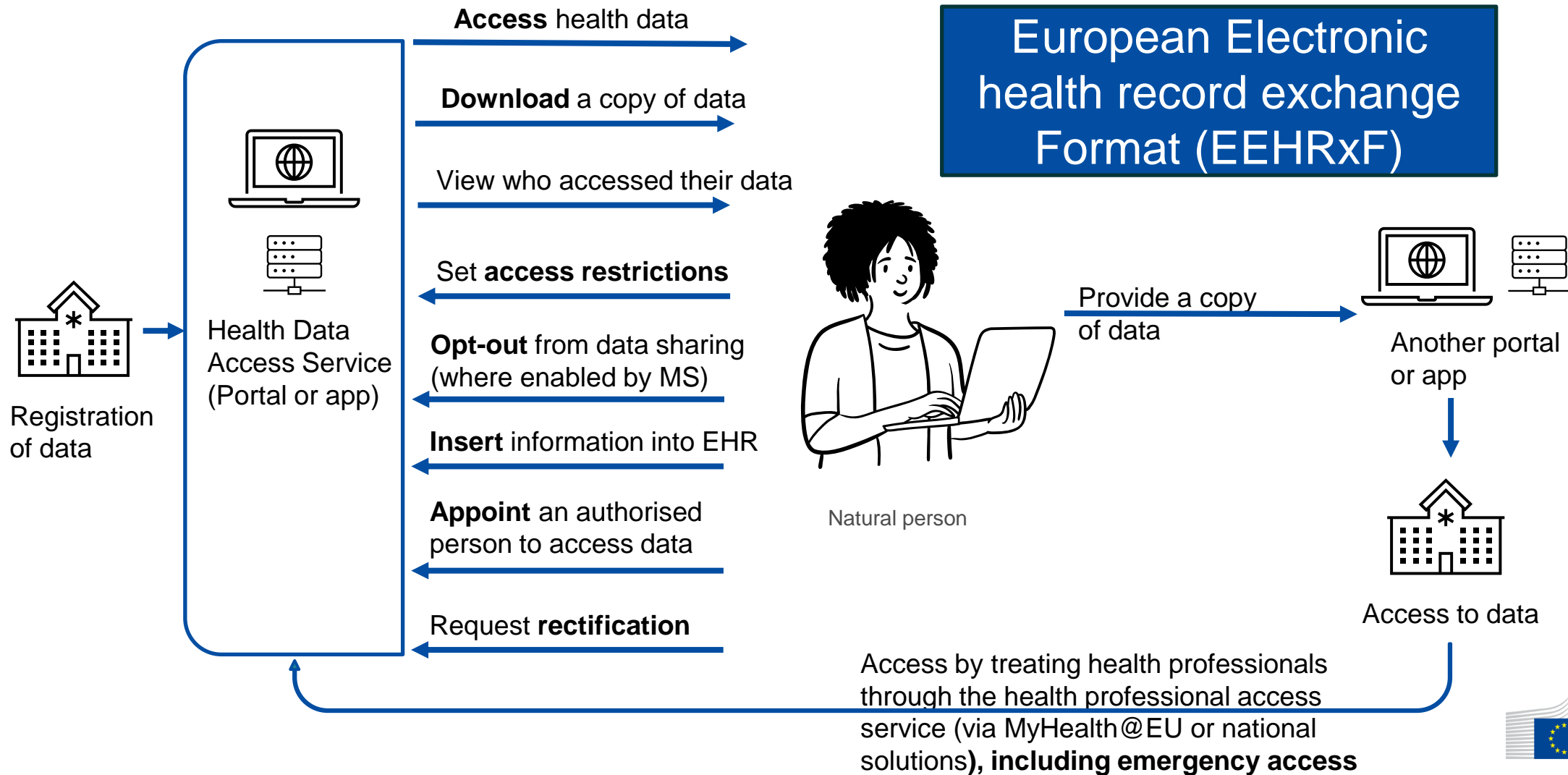
- Access to more data
- Knowing which health data of which quality are available where
- Easier and more cost-efficient access to data
- Easier merging of data, including cross-border

## For industry and innovators

- Easier access to data for research and development
- Harnessing the potential of the data economy in the health sector

# Patient rights and involvement

# Rights of natural persons in primary use



# Useful links

# EHDS links

- [European Health Data Space Regulation \(EHDS\) - European Commission](#)
- [https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/frequently-asked-questions-european-health-data-space-2025-03-05\\_en](https://health.ec.europa.eu/latest-updates/frequently-asked-questions-european-health-data-space-2025-03-05_en)
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