

## Opportunities of the European E-Health market

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GERMANY MEETS THE SILICON VALLEY OF EASTERN EUROPE

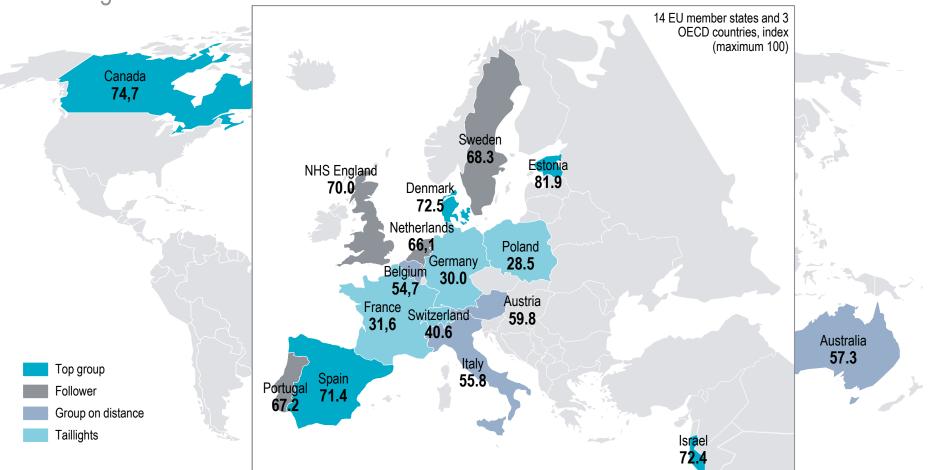


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## In international comparison some Nordic countries and Spain are pioneers in digital healthcare





- > The Digital Health Index is based on a total of 34 indicators, which are divided into three subindices:
- > 1. "Policy activity": the political and strategic approach of the countries
- > 2. Digital health readiness: the technical implementation and the digital maturity level
- > 3. Actual data use: the networked exchange of health data

<sup>1)</sup> Finland is not covered in this study, but also a leading country in digital health Source: Bertelsmann Stiftung



## These regions implemented extraordinary projects like Diraya and Kanta. Both are data portals integrating all relevant health information

Country examples

## Andalusian eHealth Strategy & System (DIRAYA)

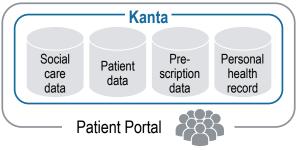
- Integrating all health information for each patient in one single record
- > Reduction of administrative tasks for healthcare professionals: e-prescription module, e-lab and the xray portal
- > Patients also benefit thanks to the use of the centralized appointment systems, the use of electronic prescription (Receta XXI), as well as personal access to their healthcare information through ClicSalud
- > Different **health apps** are being connected to the system





**Finland** 

- > National patient data services Kanta
- Storage of patient, social care and prescription data in a national database
- Access for healthcare professionals nationwide:
   Storage of patient records and prescriptions
- > Access for citizens to medical records and prescriptions and order of repeat prescriptions in the online service



1) International Telecommunication Union

Source: mhealthHUB, Kanta



## But Germany is catching up and gets a leading market for Digital Therapeutics (DTx) due to the new digital health law (DVG)

Assessment of regulatory DTx environment per market

#### OTx advancement<sup>1)</sup> Follower Nordics (excl. Denmark) No DTx assessment framework currently in place, but being on overall digital health agenda Italy As of to date, there are no guidelines or frameworks related to assessments of DTx in place **Poland** No DTx assessment framework in place and no public national notice to take action **Switzerland** Launch of ehealth Suisse in 2019 with DTx usage recommenddations, but not yet active



# United States FDA very experienced with DTx frameworks, reimbursements and also fast track procedure Germany First country-wide prescription regulation and governed fast-track application



"Digitale
Versorgung-Gesetz"
(DVG) allows the
prescription of
digital health
applications to the
72 million insured
citizens of the
statutory healthcare
system

<sup>1)</sup> Positioning based on national DTx assessment framework; not considering overall digital health strategies



#### Digital health applications can apply for approval to become listed as a DiGA – Process expected to take three months

Listing process

#### **Consultation meetings**

- > BfArM offers consultation meetings for potential applicants to check eligibility and answers specific questions
- > Expectation to attend several consultations prior hand-in to clarify necessary application documents and required data for specific solution

#### Formal application

- > Solution provider applies online for the certification to get listed in the directory
- > Fees for application range between EUR 1.500 and 10.000
- > High formal standards for study design and proof of positive health effects

#### **Application check** "Fast track"

- > Formal application check within 14 days
- > Detailed check regarding necessary requirements within 3 months
- > Outcome: Decline, preliminary listing, full listing

#### **Preliminary listing**

- > Listed in the directory with a one-year timeframe if no proof of a positive health effect is available yet
- > Detailed clinical studies have to be undertaken to test for positive health effects within the year (potentially extended to two years with solid reasoning)

#### Listing

- > Full listing in the directory, if the positive effects on health coverage are directly available at application or they have been confirmed during preliminary listing
- > Start of price negotiation with GKV-SV within first 12 months

Several weeks -

Since yesterday (October, 6, 2020) apps can be prescribed

Official process starts with two DiGAs

Currently 25 other applications are in the check process About 500 requests have been processed, consultations with about 75 providers took place

continuously -

Mandatory R&D requirements need to be fulfilled; re-evaluation at changes possible





## After 12 months, prices are negotiated between the provider and GKV-SV – Performance indicators for pricing likely to be considered

DiGA pricing mechanism & reimbursements

#### Year 1

#### Reimbursement Within first year

Regulatory specification

- > Remuneration by the SHI on the basis of a fixed price
- > **Determination of reimbursement limits** by frame contract between GKV-SV and DiGA associations, likely to be **individual for indication clusters**

Parties involved in negotiations

motivations





& several leading SHIs

Pharma associations, e.g.,







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#### Perspectives &

#### **Health insurances**

- > Limit prices at certain upper levels based on application clusters (e.g. monitoring DiGAs)
- > Allow minimum price without further negotiation ("de minimis limit") of about EUR 6 per month

#### DiGA solution providers

- > Reasonable price range to cover costs of initial studies and R&D
- Minimum "Safety net" for application risk and reimbursement for expenditures of BfArM process

#### Year 2 ...

#### Reimbursement after first year

- > Individual negotiation between the provider and GKV-SV
- > Agreement of a remuneration valid for all statutory health insurances
- > Performance-based variables possible

#### Indiv. negotiations planned





Individual DiGA solution provider

#### **Health insurances**

- Orientation on cost/benefitbased pricing strategies, e.g. R&D investment, COGS
- > Expect generics to emerge strengthening competition and reducing prices in the long-run

#### DiGA solution providers

- > Focus on high individual prices per subscription without scaling limit
- > Typical **tech product** pricing strategies
- > Aim to differentiate with clinical evidence and features

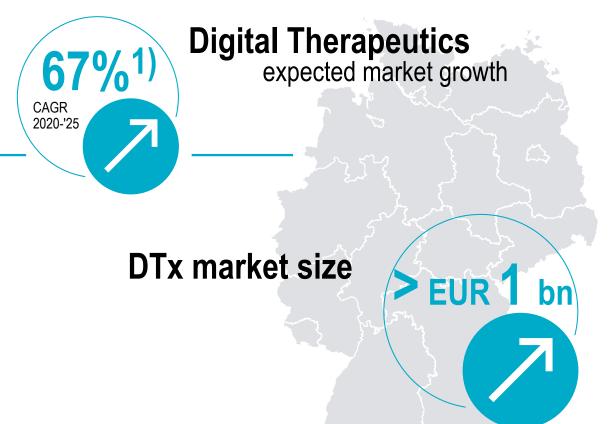


## Opportunities in Germany: Double-digit market growth due to advancement of technology & regulatory environments

Digital Therapeutics (DTx) market Germany

### Key economic drivers & trends

- > Growing and aging population
- Advancements of mobile smartphone usage
- Higher computing power for AI& Big Data services available
- > Regulator approval & reimbursement of applications



Source: Statista, Roland Berger

<sup>1)</sup> Prioritized focus indications in Germany (base case)



## The German DTx market is expected to develop into a global lighthouse market – High attractiveness & broad reimbursement

Current & future environment in Germany

	Current environment (prior to DVG)	Outlook 2025
Number of solution providers	Limited number of providers	Crowded marketspace differentiation via evidence, features, usability and market access
Revenue models	Only selective contracts & self-payments	Broad reimbursement via prescriptions (high attractiveness)
Distribution channel concept	Focus more on health insurances & patients	Focus on physicians, patients, and health insurances
Investment focus of pharma companies	Limited activities – Only with selected applications	DTx champions with tailored DTx portfolio fitting to existing drug portfolio
Indication coverage	Focus on indications with large target population & general diseases	Broad application range incl. niche areas
Geographical focus	Mainly local footprint/market	International players entering the game – Global DTx market emerging



## In addition insurers, hospitals and the healthcare industry are very active in cooperating with startups



Source: Roland Berger Research



## The European Commission is also working continuously to provide its citizens access to safe and top quality digital services in healthcare

Selected examples of E-Health-regulations and initiatives



#DigitalSingleMarket-initiative

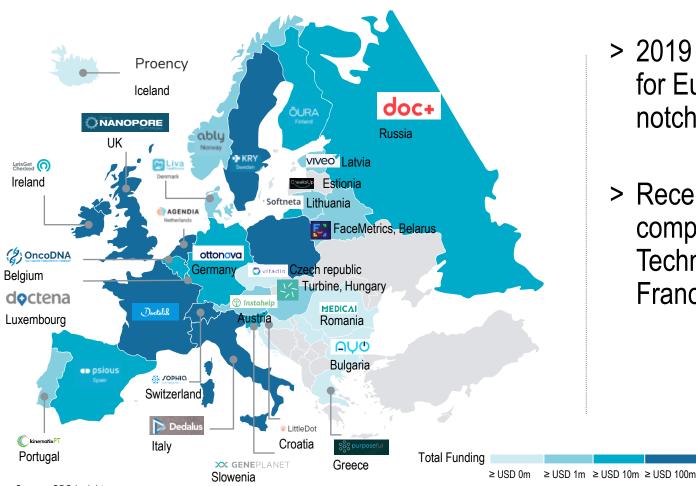
- > Infrastructure for Digital Services in Healthcare 2019/2020 (eHDSI)
- > European Electronic Health Record Exchange Format 2019 (EEHRxF)
- elDAS-based electronic Identification and Authentication of patients 2018
- > Medical Device Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2017/745
- > European Reference Networks launched in 2017 (ERNs), within the framework of the directive on cross-border healthcare
- > Directive 2011/24/EU on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare
- > Startups funding programs

Source: EU 1



## Digital health startups in Europe have raised nearly USD 7 bn across 1,300+ deals since 2015

The most well-funded digital health startups in Europe



- > 2019 was a top year in funding and deals for European digital health startups, which notched USD 2.4 bn across 300+ deals
- Recent investments went to top healthcare companies such as Oxford Nanopore Technologies in the UK, Doctolib in France, and KRY in Sweden

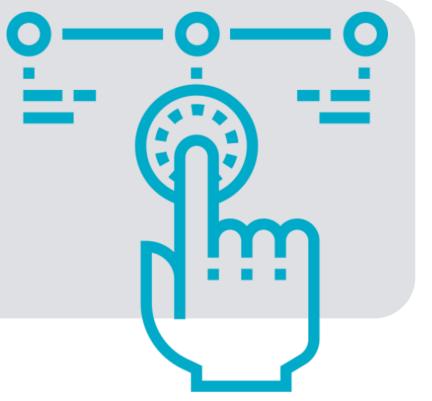
Source: CBS Insights



## So use these opportunities!



There is everything to play for startups in Europe



#### Thank you!



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