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**IMPACTS AND BENEFITS OF eHEALTH**

Over the past decade, eHealth has played a key role in expanding access to diagnostic services, improving the quality of services, increasing coordination between providers, improving patient management, helping to overcome physical distances between patients and providers and engaging patients in their own health and well-being.

SOME OF THE **DIRECT BENEFITS** OF EHEALTH FOR THE VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS ARE:



**CITIZENS**

- Enables personalized care
- Makes health care available at home, at work or in school
- Focuses on prevention, education and self-management



**PROFESSIONALS IN RESEARCH AND PRACTICE**

- Gives access to current, specialized, accredited knowledge for clinical care, research and public health
- Enables communication between patients and providers
- Allows remote consultations with patients



**HOSPITALS, ACADEMIA AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

- Improves care processes and reduces the possibility of medical errors
- Delivers services despite distance and time barriers
- Standardizes ordering and delivery of drugs and supplies

**ONLINE PRESENTATION OF THE ANALYSES OF THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM AND eHEALTH IN MONTENEGRO MEDICAL INFORMATICS**

The Chamber of Economy Montenegro organized during February 2021 an online presentation of the analyses of the healthcare system in the area of eHealth in Montenegro, within PHASE project - Promoting eHealth in cb area by Stimulating local Economies. The event was an opportunity to identify cooperation opportunities between economy and health sectors and indicate the analysis results such as the best examples of eHealth practice, territorial health services, legal framework and SMEs that operate in the field of eHealth.

**MAIN CONCLUSIONS:**

- The field of medicine is an exceptional opportunity for the economy.
- Good results, among other things, depend on the role of the educational system, the level of digital literacy, the readiness of healthcare actors to use innovative services, etc.
- Medical informatics contributes to the improvement of health services while reducing their costs.
- While exploring the possibilities of cooperation between the business and healthcare sectors in the field of e-Health, focus should be on a successful comparative practice from Estonia, Great Britain, Portugal and Denmark.
- Montenegrin companies from the information and communication technology sector could find a niche for further development in medical informatics.

**PROJECT PARTNERS' MEETING**

Partners on PHASE project held another important online meeting on 24 February. It was the opportunity to discuss the activities done in the previous period, as well as the next steps to be taken in order to reach our joint project objectives.

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