

The Impact of the general Data Protection Regulation

The global perspective – collaborative R&D and data sharing

The Impact of the General Data Protection Regulation on the use of personal data for science” seminar – 27

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The case of Switzerland

As a non-EU state, Switzerland not direct subject by the general Data Protection Regulation (gDPR)

BUT

- Having the national regulations compatible is essential to safeguard our collaboration with the EU
- By participating in EU research and innovation initiatives (Horizon 2020), Swiss institutions must also respect the principles laid out in the gDPR

=> **Switzerland is currently revising its national data protection law. The process will be completed before the gDPR enters into force**

The case of Switzerland

So far, the proposed new Swiss DP law offers sufficient protection for research compared to the GDPR.

Scientific institutions/organisations have been consulted in the process.

BUT

- Differences on the interpretation of the consent needed for the usage of personal data
- Potential issues especially linked to the transmission of personal data across countries

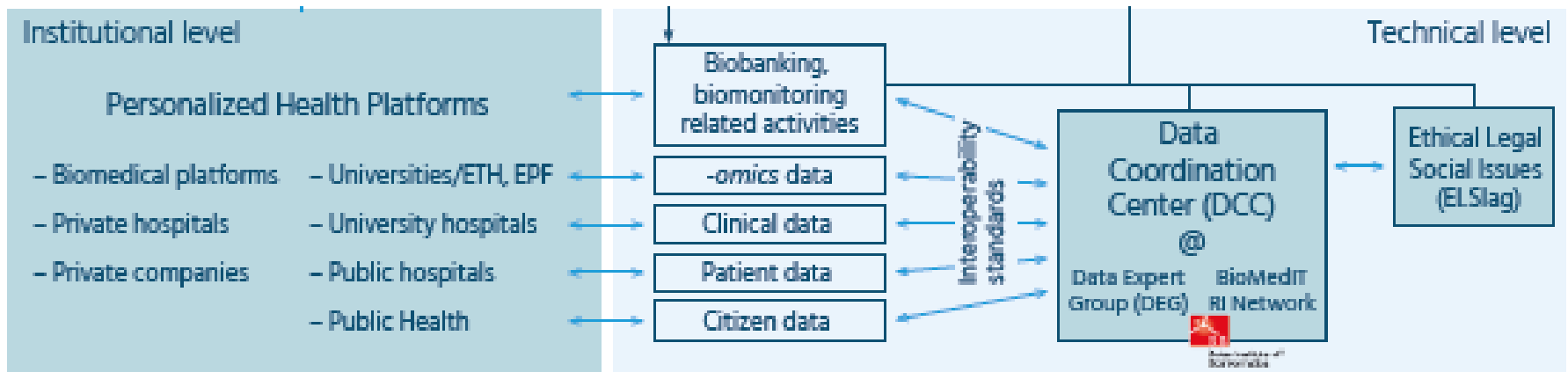
=> Need for a uniform understanding and application of consent procedures

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The case of Switzerland

Besides the revision of the national DP law, several initiatives:

- Creation of the Swiss Personalised Health Network and underlying platforms and a common Data Coordination Centre



- Need to submit Data Management Plans in applications to the Swiss National Science Foundation => open data as part of the national strategy => set up also of repositories

A couple of issues

- Consent on the usage of ones personal data can be revoked, how do you deal with this in a collaborative setting?
- Pseudonymisation of data: need for European governance mechanisms to make sure that the control on the data is safeguarded in international collaborative settings (who stores the key?)
- Governance of the European Open Science Cloud and linked ethics procedures and European codes of conduct

Outlook

- Embedding of national initiatives in European and global context
- Definition of European standards, interoperability, etc.
- Issue of governance (EOSC!)

Thank you for your attention

Questions? Discussion!

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