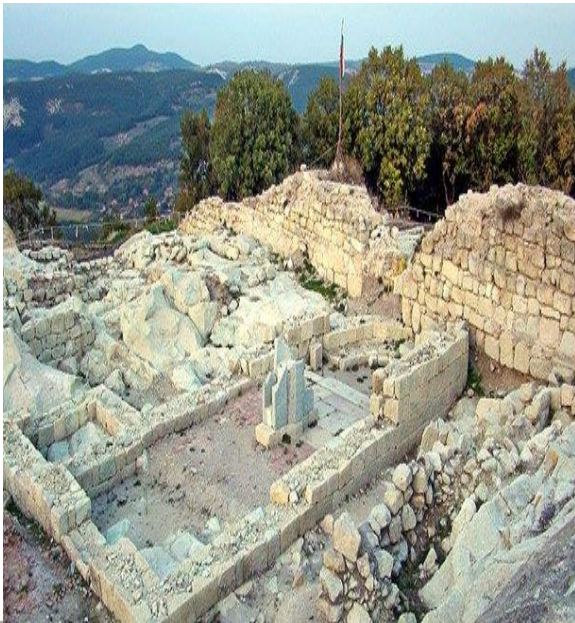


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## eHealth Strategy and Implementation



### Bulgaria 2014

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- The Center for eHealth and Innovation was set up in 2013 as a not –for –profit organisation, based at UniBIT University in Sofia
- Main goals:
  - Support with expertise implementation of eHealth innovation in Bulgaria
  - Collaborate with national authorities
  - Raise societal awareness about eHealth benefits
  - Implement projects (EXPAND, etc)

**Center for eHealth and Innovation**

- Bulgaria has a population of approx. 7, 5 million citizens
- Ageing population
- Total Healthcare Expenditure of 7, 3 % of the GDP



# About Bulgaria

- Insurance based model of health system's financing
- Mandatory public health insurance
- National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) has a monopoly in public health insurance
- GPs, Outpatient specialised healthcare facilities; Hospital (440)
- Free choice of healthcare provider by patients

## Health System

- eHealth Strategy was approved by the Ministry of Health in 2006, but lacks implementation. It foresees:
  - Central Electronic Health Record to be accessed through the eHealth Portal
  - Integrated system of data exchange in healthcare
- NHIF was leading eHealth implementation. NHIF introduced:
  - Obligatory electronic reporting by healthcare providers
  - NHIF Information systems was set up to enhance transfer of data to NHIF for reimbursement purpose
  - NHIF maintains a database of a kind of patient summary (includes information about diagnosis and medical treatment) based on data collected
  - Electronic access to “patient summary” created by NHIF
  - UCN is being used as an unique across sector’s identifier of citizens/patients

## eHealth Deployment

## Обща схема на бъдещото функциониране на системата на електронно здравеопазване



# eHealth Strategy

- Legislative changes in the Health Act were adopted by the Government on 16 Apr to support eHealth implementation (eHealth card, etc)

## Legal framework

Тази статия е част от темата "Здравеопазване".

Проектът за здравни досиета беше одобрен от правителството, остава парламентът

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Министерският съвет одобри днес проекта за изменение в Закона за здравето, с който трябва да се задвижи изграждането и влизането в употреба на здравните досиета за всички български граждани. Това е една от краткосрочните мерки за оптимизиране и подобрене на контрола на здравната система, съобщи правителствената пресслужба.

Националната здравна информационна система ще е под шапката на здравното министерство и в нея ще влязат и данните от всички регистри на ведомството. Заедно с нея ще се въведат и електронни здравни карти за пациентите, които ще им осигуряват

- Diverse picture of technological basis at healthcare establishments in the country
  - From sophisticated PACS and EMR systems, telemonitoring - to basic information systems
  - Most GPs maintain electronic records of their patients
  - Interoperability effort is limited to ensuring data exchange with NHIF

**Technological background**



- Lack of interoperability and lack of legal framework
- Lack of political leadership
- Heavy lobbying
- Project approach vs strategic approach
- Resistance (to keep the status quo)
- Weak administrative capacity
- Lack of across sector coordination (National Strategic for Electronic Governance )

**Weaknesses to overcome**

- Legal and interoperability framework
- Gather societal and health professionals' support for implementation
- Demonstrate the benefits and opportunities of eHealth (Beyond Silos in Bulgaria)
- Share with us your advise 😊

**What next?**



**Thank you!**