

# eHealth - Challenges and limitations

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**” In healthcare we lag at least 10 years behind virtually every other area in the implementation of IT solutions. We know from a wide range of other services that information technology applications can radically revolutionise and improve the way we do things”.**



# The challenges differ between countries

- Health care organisations
- Health insurances or taxes
- Legislation for IT-security
- Economy
- Different use of eHealth



## Euro-Health Consumer Index eHealth rating 2009 vs patients rights and information 2012

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2012</b>
• Denmark	63/75	175/175
• Finland	50/75	131/175
• Germany	38/75	117/175
• Norway	50/75	160/175
• Poland	38/75	126/175
• Lithuania	38/75	131/175
• Sweden	54/75	141/175

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Health Consumer Powerhouse,  
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## Integration – problem to solve

1. Heterogeneous networks
2. Incompatible services
3. Lack of architectural support

**or** – How to connect Devices and Services across networks



# Medical technology gap

We have a lot of devices and a technology but we do not use them **enough** to get information.

This is the Challenge!



## Why?

- Lack of resources/priorities.
- Too much information.
- What will happen when we give the patients full access to their own records?
- Employees do not want to change the way they are used to work.





## Why?

- We must cooperate on a national and European level.
- Cooperation takes time.
- When you don't see fast results it is a lack of success – No value for money.
- Focus on patient integrity.



# What is important for eHealth acceptance?

- eHealth is a way for patient empowerment.
- eHealth is a way to improve the treatment of patients.
- A well informed and secure patient has a better quality of life and need less healthcare.



**Thank you for your attention!**

