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Dear National Coordinators,

The CEI is a partner of the EU-funded [DigitalHealthEurope](#) project, a Coordination and Support Action providing support to the EU [Communication](#) on enabling the digital transformation of health and care, which has three priorities:

- ▶ **citizens' secure access to and sharing of health data across borders** - enabling citizens to access their health data across the EU;
- ▶ **better data to advance research, disease prevention and personalised health and care** - allowing researchers and other professionals to pool resources (data, expertise, computing processing and storage capacities) across the EU;
- ▶ **digital tools for citizen empowerment and person-centred care** - using digital tools to empower people to look after their health, stimulate prevention and enable feedback and interaction between users and healthcare providers.

The 2nd Call for Twinning was launched in February 2020 and will be open for two months. It will make available almost €400.000,00 to interested organisations to develop 28 twinings. The deadline for submission of tenders is set to 4 May 2020. The Call details the twinning scheme rules, conditions, and application process. Supporting templates will be provided to enable an efficient application procedure. All information about this call is available at the present link: <https://digitalhealtheurope.eu/twinning/call2.html>.

Participation in the twinings is open **to regional government bodies, health and care providers, or organisations that have an established contractual or other legal link to those bodies/providers**. (Examples include having signed a multi-annual contract agreement or working as part of a formalised “quadruple helix” approach.) You can find suitable twinning partners by registering at the DHE Twinning Marketplace: <https://digitalhealtheurope.eu/twinning/twinning-marketplace.html>.

We would like to ask you to help us by forwarding this letter, containing information about this Call, to the Ministry of Health in your country, as your citizens can benefit from this excellent twinning opportunity in the field of digital transformation of health and care, aiming at supporting large-scale deployment of digital solutions for person-centered integrated care. The COVID-19 emergency is showing us how important it is to share relevant health information on time and with all our countries to fight this terrible pandemic.

For any further information you can contact our Project Manager Mr. Gian Matteo Apuzzo at apuzzo@cei.int.

Yours sincerely,



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