

We create digital
health.

Bundesverband Gesundheits-IT – bvitg e. V.

Federal Association for Healthcare-IT

Since 1995 the voice of the manufacturers of information and communication systems for the health care sector in political Berlin and contact for the self-administration

Networking and exchange platform for all member companies

Organiser of the DMEA

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Numbers, dates, facts (Status February 2023)

- founded 1995
- 114 member companies
- 12 task forces, 6 project groups, 2 expert pools
- 6 honorary board members
- 46 honorary task force and project group leaders
- 20 full-time staff and one feel-good-manager
- 1076 users of bvitg-Intranet, through which the biggest part of the association's internal communication is displayed

Purpose – or: what are they actually doing?



The bvitg

- Is committed to sustainably improving health care for people in Germany through the use of innovative and practice-oriented IT solutions
- Represents the interests of the leading IT-providers in the healthcare sector whose products are used in the outpatient and inpatient sectors as well as in rehabilitation, care and social institutions

Mission statement – guiding principles

- The bvitg draws its expertise from a diverse range of member companies.
- The bvitg represents the interests of providers of digital solutions in the healthcare sector.
- The bvitg sees itself as the shaper of the digitalisation of care processes.
- The bvitg advocates the use of international standards and interoperable data exchange.
- The bvitg is committed to secure access to and responsible use of data.
- The bvitg takes an holistic view of patient care, taking into account all stakeholders.
- The bvitg is the organiser of the DMEA and creates participation opportunities for its members.
- The bvitg stands for a free market and innovation.



Cooperation – or: how an association actually works

Cooperation & communication I

The task forces and project groups are key to the associations work

- They form the framework for cooperation and exchange of the member companies
- They are the right place for thematic dialogue and the development of the association's positions, legal commentaries, etc.
- Cooperation in the committees creates the basis for the political and communicative work of the bvitg

Cooperation & communication II

The entire task force and project group communication of the bvitg is organised via the associations Intranet.

- General information and dialogue channel for the communication of member companies with each other as well as with the staffed office
- Member companies will not only find all dates and news from the committee work, but also bundled information on the topics relevant to the industry in the Intranet

An association lives from the
voluntary commitment of its
member companies and from the
exchange among each other!

Digitalisierungsstrategie – digital health strategy I

Presented by Minister of Health Professor Karl Lauterbach on 9th of March 2023

Not a law, but a strategy and an outline for at least two upcoming laws: The Digitalgesetz – Digital act and the Gesundheitsdatennutzungsgesetz – Healthcare data usage act.

In addition to a vision and goals for the digitalisation projects, the contents of the strategy also include regulatory framework conditions and prerequisites for successful strategy implementation.

Digitalisierungsstrategie – digital health strategy II

The strategy was created in a participative process, many stakeholders had the opportunity to give inputs, for example through roundtables

The existence of the strategy itself is already considered a success, however the question is raised, how the strategies contents will be evaluated

The Gesundheitsdatennutzungsgesetz and the Digitalgesetz are both expected to be already published in first drafts in March / April 2023

Digitalisierungsstrategie – digital health strategy III

Contents of the digital health strategy include:

- ePA Opt Out:

The ePA (elektronische Patientenakte = electronic health record) will be mandatory to some extent. Every member of the statutory health insurance (Gesetzliche Krankenversicherung) will automatically receive an ePA, unless they choose to contradict. This Opt Out Solution for patients was preferred by many stakeholders, as the already existing Opt In ePA is only used by half a million insurance members as of January 2023. The ePA will be published in the form of an app, provided by the insurance companies and downloadable from the App / Play Store. According to the ministeries timeline 80% of statutory health insurancy members (nearly 60 million) will have the ePA at their disposal.

Digitalisierungsstrategie – digital health strategy IV

Contents of the digital health strategy include:

- From 2024 e-prescriptions will be mandatory and exclusive. 500 million prescriptions are currently issued annually in Germany, but in 2023 so far only 1 million e-prescriptions.
- Removal of the 30% limit on the billing option for telemedicine
- 1 State data protection officers instead of currently 16 (combating over-regulation)
- Strengthening the research landscape: the political target are 300 funded projects, **access to health data for private research**

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