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European Commission's HEIDI Still Work in Progress

Heidi (Health in Europe: Information and Data Interface) is a new website and comprehensive search tool for European health information and data. Launched by the European Commission, DG Health and Consumers on October 6th 2010, it contains information about the public's state of health, determinants, diseases, health systems, trends, institutional and policy aspects.

The site is maintained by the European Commission but the information is up-dated by European health experts. The two-way tool allows approved experts, health authorities and various health institutions from within the EU to constantly update and adjust its content with relevant information. It will target policy makers, health professionals, academics and nongovernmental organisations, however anyone online will have access.

Although the technical system is ready, Heidi is being developed as the content still needs to be refined and made more user-friendly. The full version of the [site](#) is expected next year.

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