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## First European Directory of Health Apps Recommended by Patients and Consumers



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The first edition of the European Directory of Health Apps was launched on October 3rd 2012 at the European Health Forum Gastein 2012.

The Directory contains facts about 200 smartphone health apps capable of helping patients self manage their medical conditions. The Directory represents not just the first occasion on which such information has been gathered together on a large number of medical conditions—the key difference about the Directory is that the health apps it lists have all been recommended by patient groups and empowered consumers, then categorised and indexed in several ways (including by local language), to make the details easy for readers to find.

Another distinction about the Directory is that it lists health apps on all of the major operating systems (Android, Apple, BlackBerry, Nokia, and Windows Phone), not just apps that are carried on one. Robert Madelin, European Commission Director General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology (DG Connect) has written the Foreword to the Directory.

Madelin praised the Directory, "From DG CONNECT's perspective, consumers and patients need guidance and support in finding useful and reliable apps. Scrutiny of these apps by informed users (such as empowered citizens and patient groups) could be one way forward. I am certain that this Directory will prove useful, not only to users of healthcare systems throughout Europe, but to the many European citizens who live or strive to live healthy lives as well as for everybody who needs such information in their everyday work."

For more information, please visit: [www.patient-view.com](http://www.patient-view.com)

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