# **Expectations from the European Commission**

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#### From BICEPS to FP IV

- Typical demonstration projects
- Real world implementations need magnitudes more financial support
- Sustainability could not be in focus

 Europe needs infrastructure for interoperable national solutions

### Why EHTEL?

- Similar needs identified at end of AIM
- Still no accepted platform for interlinking governments, industry, research, and all other stakeholders
- Several projects in this direction besides EHTEL
- Concentration necessary
- Institutional funding necessary

## Messages from International Interoperability Approaches

- DICOM, HL7
- CEN, ISO
- IHE
- Unified Medical Language, SNOMED

- Needs longterm substantial involvment
- Takes years to be accepted and to work

#### Interoperable National Solutions

- Identify as many generic solutions as possible
- Specify architecture ...

- Identify segments for European oder international applications which can be financed by citizens privately
- Guarantee transparency

## Berlin, G-8 Projects, Final Conference, 2000

- Conclusion: Technology Assessment for IT solutiond for health are needed
- Methodology difficult needs development
- Business cases have to be calculated and published

Still pending

### **Technology**

- Move from technology driven projects to interoperability solutions
- Split investment into real research on one hand and infrustructure on the other

 Real national implementations are on the way: harmonization is necessary

