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Conference on the development of methods for preventing & combating fraud and corruption in Europe

The European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network (EHFCN) organised its 15th International Conference in Brussels, on the 26th and the 27th of October 2023, in cooperation with the National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance (NIHDI - Belgium).

The conference was attended by 200 participants from around 20 countries, including leading figures from European and international institutions, academia, healthcare experts, senior civil servants, the industry and political decision-makers.

All were present with one key issue: to better understand healthcare fraud and waste.

Integrity models applied to healthcare, as well as behavioural knowledge, derived from psychology, cognitive science and social science, provide a better understanding of fraudsters, their behaviour and the tools they use.

Enormous progress can be made in fraud and waste detection and prevention thanks to advance in computing, new technologies and other forms of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Health Technology Assessment (HTA).

The European Parliament is holding discussions on the new AI Act, in order to guarantee better conditions for the development and use health data. However, the use of AI raises major legal and ethical issues, the question of trust in the impartial and fair use of AI, while maintaining democratic values.

In the same time, new tools, statistical and AI algorithms can create an added value in the field of tackling fraud and waste within the public healthcare environment.

Experts from different background shared their views on how the new technologies will impact healthcare and, more specifically, investigations departments in Europe.
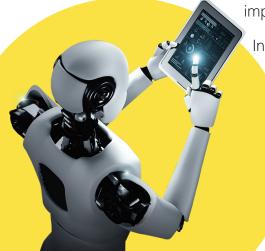
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EHFCN

The European Healthcare Fraud and Corruption Network (EHFCN) was set up in October 2004 to coordinate and optimise the fight against fraud, corruption and waste in the healthcare sector in Europe. The Network currently has 20 members from 15 countries.

NIHDI

The National Institute for Health and Disability Insurance (NIHDI) was set up in 1963. It is a federal public social security institution under the supervision and authority of the Minister of Social Affairs.