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**COVER NOTE BY eHEALTH NETWORK SECRETARIAT**

### Agenda point 9: Stakeholders

| Issue at stake |
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| This agenda point is for information and it covers two topics related to stakeholder activities:<br><br>A. State of play on "Digital Health Society"<br><br>B. Information from the 5ᵗʰ eHealth Stakeholder Group (eHSG) meeting held on 26April 2018 |

| Summary |
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| A.   The Digital Health Society initiative was started by the Estonian Presidency of the Council of the European Union in July 2017. A key part is the [Digital Health Society Declaration](#) that now includes more than 100 European organizations' proposals for developing eHealth in Europe. The Declaration describes the bottlenecks that hamper the development of e-health, such as the lack of people's trust in e-services in Europe, the lack of interoperability between different information systems, the lack of a clear legal framework, and the inadequate training of healthcare professionals. Proposing solutions for overcoming these obstacles, the document emphasizes the need for unified approaches to the development of data exchange infrastructure, raising people's awareness of the use of ehealth solutions and implementing the European Union Data Protection Regulation in a way that it does not create unnecessary obstacles to the free flow of data between member states.<br><br>The Declaration and the conference discussions have supported the conclusions of the Council of the European Union, which were adopted by the health ministers at the December health ministers' Council.<br><br>The Digital Health Society is facilitated by the ECHAlliance and has set up four Task Forces:<br><br>1) Convergence roadmap on Interoperability standards and Digital TeleHealthcare protocol,<br><br>2) Citizen-controlled Data governance and Data Donors,<br><br>3) Legal Framework for the Free flow and the secondary use of health data,<br><br>4) Digital Transformation and change management in Health and Social care organisations.<br><br>B.   5ᵗʰ eHealth Stakeholder Group has two meetings a year. The spring meeting is organised by DG CNECT and the autumn meeting by DG SANTE. The Group is briefed at its meetings on the work of the eHealth Network. |

| Format of procedure in the eHN |
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| The Member State co-chair opens the topic per agenda (sub)point.<br><br>Digital Health Society stakeholder initiative will be presented by Brian O'Connor chair at the Connected Health Alliance.<br><br>A representative from the EC will give short feedback from the 5ᵗʰ eHealth Stakeholder Group meeting held on 26 April 2016. |