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Topic 1: EU strategy and activities on eHealth (agenda point 4)
- Draft eHealth Network multi annual work programme 2018-2021 -

Issue at stake
At the 10ᵗʰ eHealth Network meeting in Brussels, the members agreed to set up a sub-group that will work in drafting a multi annual work programme for the years 2018-2021 (MWP). The sub-group consists of representatives from PT, FR, DE, NL, EE, EL, HR, and FI. The European Commission (DG SANTE) facilitated the sub-group and with their approval chaired the sub-group meetings and PT had volunteered to be the rapporteur. The sub-group had three face-to-face meetings and presents to the eHealth Network a first draft of the MWP. The objective of this agenda topic is to have a discussion with the eHealth Network to get an understanding whether the proposed draft MWP is in line with the needs of the Member States and if the sub-group is on the right track before finalising it for the 12ᵗʰ eHealth Network meeting in November 2017.

Summary of document

The sub-group has identified four categories on which the MWP is based on, these are:
 1) Empowering people
 2) Innovating use of health data
 3) Enhancing continuity of care
 4) Overcoming implementation challenges
 These categories are based on current developments in eHealth and should be able to capture topics and at a more advanced stage be translated into concrete activities that tailor the needs of Member States and is also relevant in the overall EU strategy on digital health.
 	
 The main question to the eHealth Network is whether the identified categories of the draft MWP reflects the national need of the Members for the coming years?
 	
 For the purpose of the discussion, the sub-group had formulated additional questions on which they seek guidance from the eHealth Network.
 	
 (i)   *As regards to the 4 categories proposed* :
   - Is "empowering people" through eHealth a priority in your Member State?
   - Is the quality of health apps an important topic to be included in the MWP?
   - Is connecting personal generated data to the health system an important topic?
   - Should the eHealth Network include European Reference Networks in its MWP?
      o Are the eHealth Network Members aware who their representatives are in the ERN body and what the present challenges, priorities and timeline of the EU ERN committee are?
      o How to avoid duplication and to guaranty the consistency of the respective guidelines and work?
   - How to prioritize or balance the respective categories (to be reflected in the workload and budget of the next JA).

(ii) *As regards to the overall ambition of the next MWP and its impact on the next JA* :

- What major aspects could benefit from a common understanding and/or common approach in eHealth implementation?
- What are the criteria agreed by the eHN to define the part of the MWP that should be carried out by the next JA? To identify the partnerships and type of initiatives with other bodies or projects for the remaining challenged to be tackle in due time ?
- What level of outcomes does the eHealth Network wished to have for each category?
    o "state of the art" Report
    o Study answering specific topics
    o Platform for information, platform for collaboration
    o Guidelines
    o Contractual signed agreement
    o Recommendation
    o Roadmap
    o Other

The MWP provides fundamental input in the new Joint Action on eHealth. In order to set up the new Joint Action and taken into consideration the strict deadlines, an elaborate draft of the MWP should already be ready in June reflecting as much as possible the needs of the eHealth Network but also supported by the field. For this reason the sub-group had decided to already consult the eHealth Stakeholder Group on the first draft of the MWP at its meeting on 27 April.

The MWP is scheduled for adoption by the eHealth Network on 28 November 2017.

Format of procedure in the eHN

The Commission co-chair introduces this agenda topic and gives the floor to Dr. Henrique Gil Martins from Portugal (rapporteur of the sub-group) to present the first draft of the MWP.

Dr. Henrique Gil Martins will invite the Members of the eHealth Network to participate in the discussion to receive as much input as possible to finalise the MWP.