

# Information paper

**On the work approach for the eHealth Network Joint Action  
and the interaction with the eHealth Network**

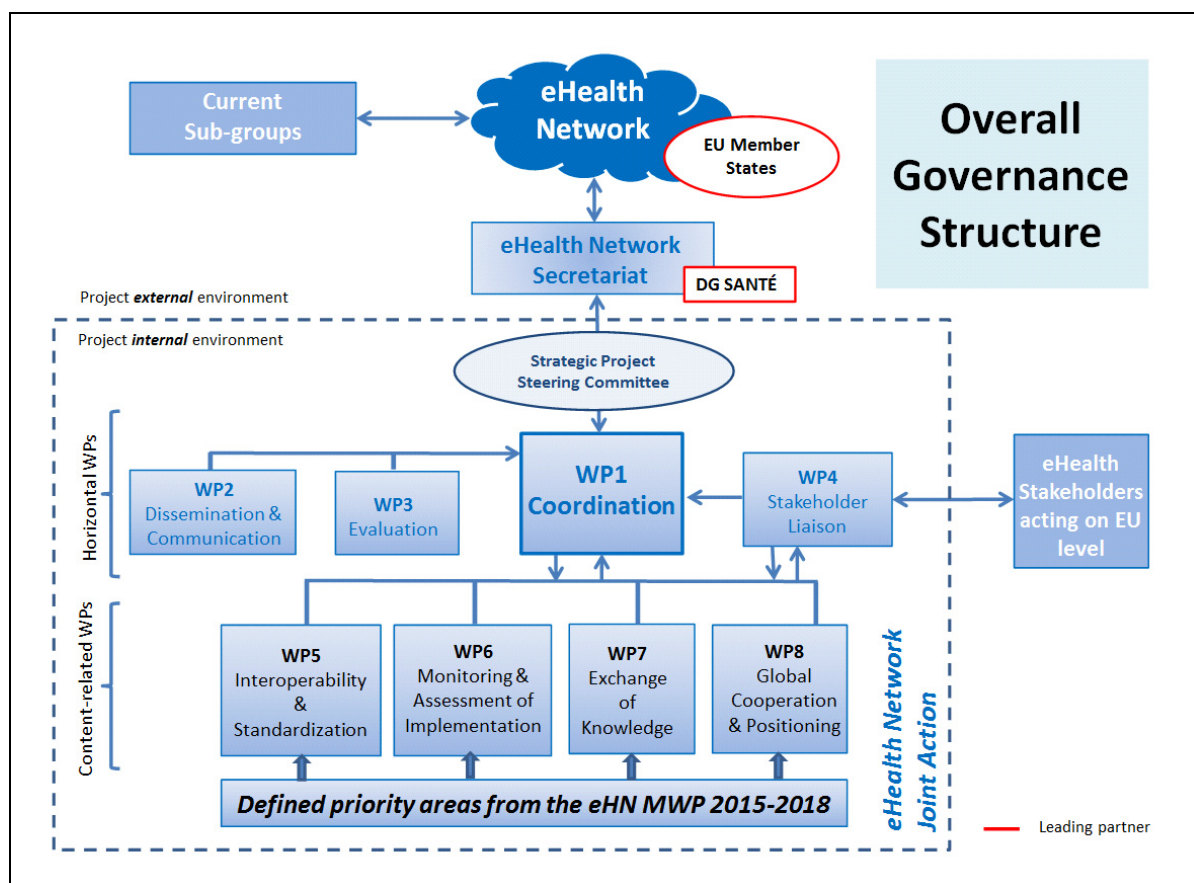
**For information:**

**To the members of the eHealth Network  
during their 7<sup>th</sup> meeting on 12.05.2015**

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# Introduction

In the course of the call for the third EU Health Programme 2014-2020 by DG SANCO (now SANTÉ) it was decided to launch a new Joint Action on eHealth, namely the **Joint Action to support the eHealth Network (eHN-JA)**, with the intention to act as the main preparatory body for the eHealth Network. The national competent authorities of the EU Member States nominated themselves and/or other bodies to act as associated or collaborating partner in this joint action and started with the preparatory work in November 2014. The joint action's description of work was set up in alignment with the four main priority areas defined in the eHealth Network's Multiannual Work Plan (MWP) 2015-2018. In order to establish and maintain a structured process for interaction with the eHealth Network the following overall governance structure is foreseen by the eHN-JA:



As the joint action officially started on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2015, this document contains specific information related to the general working approach of this joint action aiming to help its participants to better reflect the needs of the eHealth Network members at early stage and to inform about the future interaction process between the Network and the joint action.

**The eHealth Network members are therefore requested to take note and discuss the topics of this information paper.**

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## 1. Timeline:

The activities and corresponding components of each of the four main priority areas defined in the Network's MWP 2015-2018 were translated into this timeline and thus, representing the tasks and corresponding deliverables related to the content-related work packages of the joint action.

| Timeline for Tasks & Deliverables for eHN Joint Action<br>content-related WPs (WP5 - WP8)  | Reporting Period 1 |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     | Reporting Period 2 |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     | Reporting Period 3 |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            | end of project |  |  |  |
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|  | 2015               |     |     |     |      |     | 2016       |     |     |     |     |     | 2016               |     |     |     |      |     | 2017       |            |     |     |     |     | 2017               |     |     |     | 2018 |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
|  | Month #            | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4    | 5   | 6          | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12                 | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16   | 17  | 18         | 19         | 20  | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24                 | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28   | 29  | 30       | 31  | 32  | 33  | 34  | 35         | 36             |  |  |  |
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| eHN meeting #  | 7th eHN            |     |     |     |      |     | 8th eHN    |     |     |     |     |     | 9th eHN            |     |     |     |      |     | 10th eHN   |            |     |     |     |     | 11th eHN           |     |     |     |      |     | 12th eHN |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| <b>WP5 Interoperability &amp; Standardization</b>  |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| <b>T5.1 Trusted eHealth National Contact Points</b>  |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.1.1 Organisational Framework of eHealth NCP   | discussion         |     |     |     |      |     | adoption   |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.1.2 Country Guide for implementation of eHealth NCP   |                    |     |     |     |      |     | discussion |     |     |     |     |     | adoption           |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.1.3x Annual report on activities related to the use of CEF funding into generic services (INTERNAL; not for submission to eHN!) |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     | due |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     | due                |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            | due            |  |  |  |
| <b>T5.2 Electronic Identification for eHealth</b>  |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.2.1 eID specific Framework for eHealth  |                    |     |     |     |      |     | discussion |     |     |     |     |     | discussion         |     |     |     |      |     | discussion |            |     |     |     |     | adoption           |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.2.2 Guidelines on the interoperability of electronic professional registries  |                    |     |     |     |      |     | discussion |     |     |     |     |     | discussion         |     |     |     |      |     | Adoption   |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.2.3 Report on notification of national eID under the scope of the eIDAS Regulation  |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     | due        |                |  |  |  |
| <b>T5.3 Update &amp; revision of EU eHealth Guidelines</b>   |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.3.1 Update Guideline on PS  |                    |     |     |     |      |     | adoption   |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.3.2 Update Guideline on eP  |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            | adoption   |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.3.3 Update Guideline on PR  |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     | discussion |                |  |  |  |
| <b>T5.4 Alignment of standardization activities in eHealth</b>   |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.4.1 Proposal for a platform consisting of the relevant standards developing organizations                                       | discussion         |     |     |     |      |     | adoption   |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.4.2 Policy paper proposing actions to promote the use of common standards or technical specifications in eHealth within the EU  |                    |     |     |     |      |     | discussion |     |     |     |     |     | adoption           |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.4.3x Report on standardisation developments in eHealth incl. recommendations for the rolling plan                               |                    |     |     |     |      |     | due        |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            | due        |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     | due |            |                |  |  |  |
| <b>T5.5 Semantic interoperability</b>  |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.5 Report on European semantic interoperability in eHealth   |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     | discussion         |     |     |     |      |     |            | discussion |     |     |     |     | adoption           |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| <b>T5.6 CEF operational support</b>  |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.6.1 Proposal how to assess MS technical readiness to provide, deploy and operate eHealth cross-border services                  |                    |     |     |     |      |     | discussion |     |     |     |     |     | adoption           |     |     |     |      |     |            |            |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |            |                |  |  |  |
| D5.6.2x Annual report on operational support to open NCP usage   |                    |     |     |     |      |     | due        |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |            | due        |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     | due |            |                |  |  |  |

| Timeline for Tasks & Deliverables for eHN Joint Action content-related WPs (WP5 - WP8)                                | Reporting Period 1 |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     | Reporting Period 2 |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     | Reporting Period 3 |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     | 2018 end of project |  |  |  |  |
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| <b>WP6 Monitoring &amp; Assessment of Implementation</b>  |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>T6.1 Implementation of eHealth guidelines</b>  |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D6.1.1 Report on the implementation of PS Guideline   |                    |     |     |     | draft |     | due     |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D6.1.2 Report on the implementation of eP Guideline   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     | draft |       | due |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D6.1.3 Report on the implementation of PR Guideline   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>T6.2 Challenges of legal interoperability in a cross-border context</b>  |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D6.2 Proposal for a sustainable legal basis for cross-border exchange of personal health data (tbl)                   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       | draft |     | discussion |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>WP7 Exchange of Knowledge</b>  |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>T7.1 Sharing of national eHealth strategies and action plans</b>   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D7.1.1 Report on the establishment of a platform for the sharing of national eHealth Strategies                       |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D7.1.2 Report on EU state of play on telemedicine services and uptake recommendations                                 |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D7.1.3 Recommendations on online training tools for health professionals concerning cross-border health care services |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>T7.2 Secondary use of health data</b>  |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D7.2.1 Report on the use of cloud computing in health   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D7.2.2 Code of conduct on how to handle health data for purposes other than patient care                              |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>T7.3 Research on added value eHealth tools</b>   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D7.3 Report on studies concerning added value of eHealth/mHealth services   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>T7.4 Agreements with HTA-network about eHealth assessments cooperation within the EU</b>                           |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D7.4 A minimum HTA inspired framework to access the value of National eHealth projects                                |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>T7.5 Patient access to Electronic Health Records and health data portability</b>                                   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D7.5.1 Report on EU state of play on patient access on eHealth data   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D7.5.2 Recommendations for patient access to electronic health records  |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>WP8 Global Cooperation &amp; Positioning</b>   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>T8.1 Participation, liaison and influence in global eHealth</b>  |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D8.1.1 Overview of OECD studies on eHealth and core outcome   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D8.1.2 Information materials supporting preparatory convergence meetings between eHN and WHO and OECD                 |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D8.1.3 Information paper on main eHealth activities outside of the EU   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D8.1.4 Report on main eHealth activities outside of the EU  |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| <b>T8.2 Evaluation of global eHealth specifications</b>   |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D8.2.1 Inventory of eHealth specifications  |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |
| D8.2.2 Evaluation and good practice guide for eHealth specifications  |                    |     |     |     |       |     |         |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |       |       |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |                    |     |     |     |      |     |          |     |     |     |     |     |                     |  |  |  |  |

## 2. Any possible changes of activities:

Any changes of the tasks and corresponding deliverables as shown in the timeline require an official amendment request of the multilateral grant agreement of the eHN-JA toward the European Commission (Chafea) and depend on resources available within the joint action. Any possible requests coming from the eHealth Network and resulting in need for adaptation of the joint action's description of work shall be considered carefully.

## 3. Stakeholder involvement:

In general, only eHealth stakeholders acting on the EU level (e.g. health professionals, patients, standardization organizations, health insurance organizations, industry, etc.) shall get involved.

The joint action will involve different stakeholders in a transparent and structured way. This will be done through a separate work package (WP4) with the intention to invite, plan and target input provided by any stakeholder group to select tasks. In order to give the stakeholders – which are not part of the eHN-JA – a voice on topics that they consider relevant for their membership a dedicated secretariat will take care of stakeholder management.

Standardization organizations will additionally get involved based on recommendations of deliverable D5.4.1 of WP5 through a platform consisting of the relevant standards developing organizations.

## 4. Types and structure of deliverables:

The joint action proposes the following types of deliverables that can be submitted by the joint action to the Network:

| <b><i>Type of deliverable:</i></b> | <b><i>Action to be achieved:</i></b> | <b><i>Nature of deliverable:</i></b>   |
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| Report                             | For information only                 | Intended to provide the Network's members with well investigated information on previous activities/actions/submitted documents/etc. in the field of eHealth.            |
| Discussion paper                   | Having an informed discussion        | Intended to provide the Network's members with necessary relevant information enabling an in-depth discussion about a certain topic and possible next steps to be taken. |

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| Guideline         | For adoption            | Intended to present to the Network's members a clear guideline with the intention for it to be adopted and optionally implemented by the EU MS at national level in the next step.           |
| Recommendations   | For adoption            | Intended to recommend actions to be taken in cases where the Network's members need to agree on them. Recommendation can be combined with other types of deliverables as well.               |
| Information paper | For information only    | Intend to provide the Network's members with current state-of-play information on a certain topic and possible next steps to be taken that do not require adoption by the Network's members. |
| Policy paper      | For adoption / decision | Contains proposed items for adoption and/or decision that may affect a MS national policy level.   |
| Briefing note     | For adoption / decision | Contains proposed items for adoption and/or decision that affect the operational work structure of either the Network or the eHN-JA.   |

## 5. General elaboration process of deliverables intended for the submission to the eHealth Network:

Deliverables intended for the submission to the eHealth Network usually will be elaborated by any of the four content-related work packages of the joint action in collaboration with the respective task and work package leader and with all project members having expressed interest to contribute. To that end a quality management scheme will ensure stringent and comprehensive, yet effective document elaboration. Final deliverables need to be adopted by the strategic project steering committee before being submitted to the eHealth Network.

## 6. Transparent documentation of involved parties in submitted deliverables:

All deliverables submitted shall contain information on:

- Authoring team: Names of authors and their organizations involved in drafting process;
- Organizations with comments: Names of project internal and external organizations that submitted comments during the different review phases.