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**Topic 2d: Implementation of the eHealth Digital Service Infrastructure
Restructured guidelines for cross-border exchange of Patient
Summaries and ePrescriptions**

Issue at stake

At its 9th meeting the eHealth Network decided to proceed in revising the guidelines for cross-border exchange of patient summaries and ePrescriptions.

The essence of the revision was to restructure and update the guidelines, not change their substantial elements. The eHealth Network asked to create a general guideline for the common parts of the existing guidelines and place the specific elements of the ePrescription and Patient Summary guidelines in the separate specific guidelines.

The JAseHN has prepared a revised set of documents. These updates were discussed during the workshop in Lisbon end of June with stakeholders and adopted in October by JAseHN sPSC.

The primary focus of the guidelines is to support care across borders, as stated in Article 14 (2) (b) (i) of the Directive 2011/24/EU. The secondary focus of the guidelines is a reference for use at national level. More advanced and elaborate systems exist in some Member States but the eHealth Network agreed that the guidelines could serve as a common baseline for eHealth at national level.

The eHealth Network is the owner of these guidelines and thus responsible for updating the guidelines, which are addressed to the Member States.

Summary of document

The package for the restructured guidelines for electronic exchange of patient summaries and ePrescriptions under the cross-border Directive 2011/24/EU consist of four documents:

- Introduction providing the background, the rationale for and the description of the revision of the guidelines. The document contains also some ideas for the future work which feed into the discussion under agenda point 1 on the eHealth Network's new MWP for the future.
- Proposal for a general guideline
- Proposal for a guideline on Patient Summary for Unscheduled Care
- Proposal for a guideline on ePrescriptions and eDispensations

Format of procedure in the eHN

The Member State co-chair will introduce the revised guidelines and open the floor for discussion.

The eHealth Network Members are requested to comment on the proposed guidelines and to adopt the release 2 of

- General guidelines
- Guideline on Patient Summary for Unscheduled Care
- Guideline on ePrescriptions and eDispensations