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Subject: **Topic 4a: Proposal for a Standing Coordination Group for deployment of semantic and technical interoperability – *for approval***

Issue at stake
The eHGI proposes to establish a standing coordination group (SCG) for deployment of semantic and technical interoperability. This SCG should further develop the assets that are needed for semantic and technical interoperability as decided upon by the eHealth Network. As an example, the SCG could further clarify the semantic and technical specifications mentioned in the guideline on patient summary set of data. To achieve this objective and to prepare a decision paper on the scope and structure of a standing coordination group, the eHGI suggests forming a sub-group of the eHealth Network to work on this.

Summary of document
The working paper describes the ideas behind the standing coordination group. It should conclude (among others) on the necessity of such a group, on the long term focus, and on the membership (for instance the national eHealth competence centres). It is suggested that funding for the SCG could be received through the Connected Europe Facility. The paper recommends that a sub-group is formed to prepare a decision paper on the scope and structure of the SCG.

Format of procedure in the eHN
The Chairs introduce the topic and explain why there is a necessity to start the work on the scope and structure of a SCG. The Members will be given the opportunity to ask questions and react on the proposal. The Chairs will ask which Members will be available for the sub-group to work on the scope and structure of the SCG.